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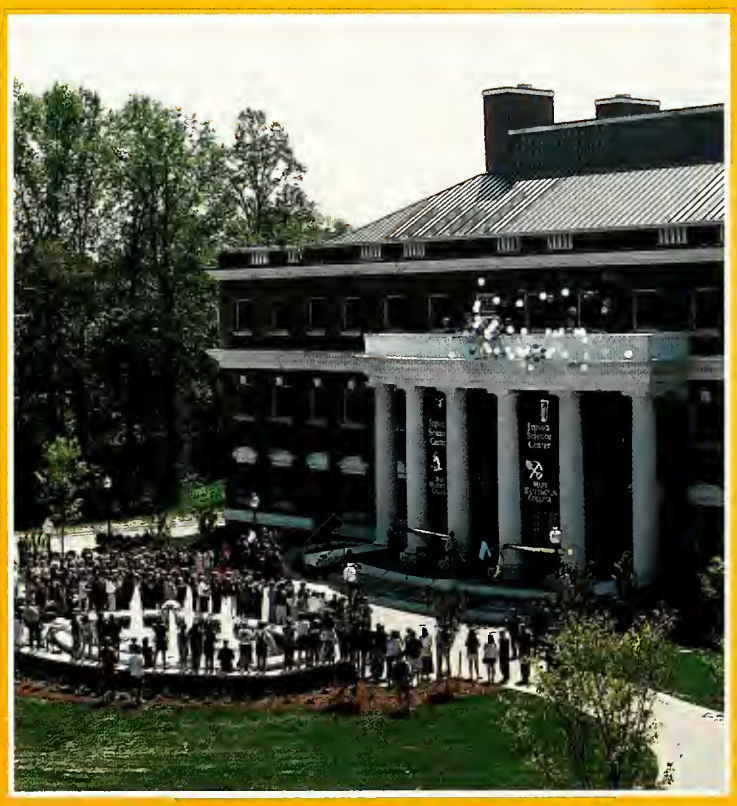
MWC's James Farmer receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Bill Clinton

The Jepson Science Center Ribbon Cutting

Wielding giant-sized shears, Alice Andrews Jepson '64 cut a wide golden ribbon to officially open the Jepson Science Center on April 15. With President William M. Anderson Jr. presiding over the ceremony, and Alice's husband, Robert S. Jepson Jr., joining in the crowd's applause, Mrs. Jepson thanked all who helped make the $12 million building a reality.

Classes begin in the facility in fall 1998. For details on the ribbon cutting, see p. 20.

(from left) Mrs. Jepson, Louise Ashby of the College Relations Office, and President Anderson



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Mr. and Mrs. Jepson

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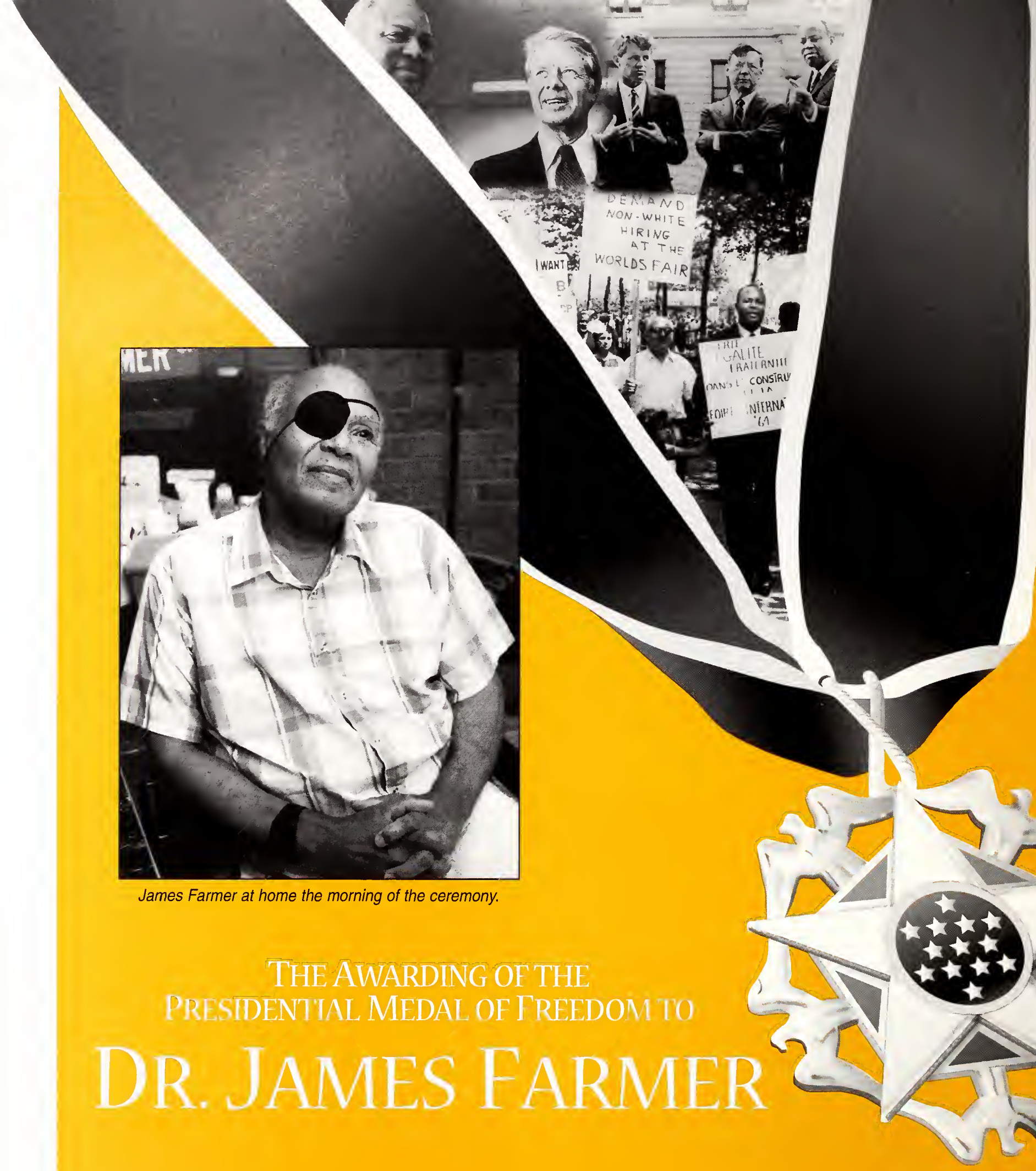
James Farmer at home the morning of the ceremony.



THE AWARDING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM TO

DR. JAMES FARMER

BY PHILIP L. HALL

I had arrived fairly early at the East Wing of the White House on January 15, 1998, been checked through security, greeted by classical selections from a harp-flute duo in colorful military dress uniforms playing in the downstairs' parlor, and guided to a point near the foot of the steps leading up to the East Room. Later that morning, in a ceremony presided over by President and Mrs. Clinton, 15 remarkable individuals would receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest civilian honor an American can receive — in recognition of their extraordinary lives and contributions. The honorees and their guests (family, friends, close compatriots and colleagues) had begun to fill the tastefully decorated corridor behind me. The honorees were easily distinguishable by their large yellow rosebud corsages or boutonnieres. I hadn't yet spotted the man whose big day I had been invited to share. Then we all heard him.

Happy birthday to you.
Happy birthday to you.
Happy birthday, dear Abigail.
Happy birthday to you!

The birthday girl, who would surely remember this special day as long as she lived, was 10-year-old Abigail Elizabeth Gonzalez. The rich baritone voice belonged to a man with a yellow rose on the lapel of his gray flannel suit. Her grandfather, Dr. James Farmer, had celebrated his birthday — his 78th — just a few days earlier. We all clapped for her, and for him. This was a day both had been looking forward to, and both were radiant in anticipation.

I shook Jim's hand and he greeted me warmly, introducing me to his friends and members of his family I had not met before. His two daughters were there: Abbey Levin of Darnestown, Md., and Tami Gonzalez of Partlow in Spotsylvania County. There were friends from Marshall, Texas, where he had grown up. There were other friends from the days of the civil rights movement, all delighted that this great African-American leader, the founder in 1942 of CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality, and organizer in 1961 of the Freedom Rides, was at long last receiving some of the recognition he so richly deserved. Elliot Richardson, President Nixon's secretary of health, education, and welfare and later attorney general — one of this day's 14 other Medal of Freedom honorees — also came by to greet Dr. Farmer and shake his hand. Richardson had been Dr. Farmer's boss in 1969-71 during the time Farmer served as assistant HEW secretary. Brenda Sloan, MWC's special collections librarian and a long-time close friend of Jim Farmer, felt as I did — thrilled and honored to be in such company at such a time and such a place.

Soon the honorees and their immediate families were taken to a room where they would spend some time with President and Mrs. Clinton before the ceremony. The rest of us were directed up the stairs and into the elegant gold and white East Room, to wait along with a huge throng of newspeople and photographers for the big event. By and by, to the familiar strains of "Hail to the Chief," played by the Marine Band, the president and his entourage entered the room, and the presentation ceremony began. One by one the honorees were ushered to the dais. President Clinton personally delivered a tribute to each one, and then draped the presidential medal, hanging on a wide blue satin ribbon, around the honoree's neck. When Dr. Farmer's turn came, here is what President Clinton said:

"In the spring of 1942, a man fresh out of theology school sat down at the counter of Chicago's Jack Spratt Coffee Shop and ordered a doughnut. Because he was black, he was refused. Because his name was James Farmer, he did not give in. He, and the other founders of the Congress of Racial Equality, organized the nation's first sit-in and launched an era of nonviolent protests for civil rights.

James Farmer celebrates with friends and family, including granddaughter Abigail Elizabeth Gonzalez (far right), and King F.A. Ayi, symbolic king of Guin, Togo, West Africa. King Ayi gave Farmer an additional honor: a proclamation declaring that Farmer is a man to be honored among all men.

"He went on to help bring down Jim Crow by leading freedom rides, voter drives and marches, enduring repeated beatings and jailings along the way. He has never sought the limelight and until today, I, frankly, think he's never gotten the credit he deserves for the contribution he has made to the freedom of African Americans and other minorities and their equal opportunities in America. But today, he can't avoid the limelight, and his long-overdue recognition has come to pass."

What a moment! Camera shutters snapping and crackling. The gathered friends and dignitaries standing and clapping. The Clintons beaming into Jim Farmer's uplifted face as he sat proudly in his wheelchair. "This is the high point of my life," he later told a reporter when she asked him what the day had meant to him.

And speaking of high points, we proudly acknowledge that the presence of Dr. Farmer at the College has been a high point in the Mary Washington experience of some three "generations" of students, since he joined our faculty in 1985. Sadly, his failing health may make it impossible for him to carry on much longer in the classroom. But the hundreds of students who filled that classroom, semester after semester, to take his course in civil rights history will remember it as long as they live. James Farmer, a great figure of American history, has given us much.

We are forever honored. We are forever grateful.

Philip L. Hall is vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Mary Washington.

James Farmer

A Living Legend at MWC

"Man was not born
to solve the problem
of the universe,
but rather to seek
to lay bare the heart
of the problem..."

–Johann Wolfgang
von Goethe

from

Lay Bare the Heart:
An Autobiography of the
Civil Rights Movement

James Farmer gave the keynote speech in Dodd Auditorium on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16,1989.

James Farmer Scholars surrounded Dr. Farmer in the Great Hall in 1988.

BY LIZ GORDON

Farmer joined the fun at the Black Alumni Reception during Reunion Weekend in 1988.

Long before James Farmer signed on to teach a course on civil rights to Mary Washington College students, he dedicated his life to tutoring our nation on the very same subject. Interestingly enough, no material for either course came from textbooks, as little was written about the theme until Farmer, as a member of the civil rights movement's "Big Four," gave historians the material they needed: the first American civil rights sit-in, the Freedom Rides, and CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality.

Today, even though Farmer's experiences helped provide the revolutionary history of that period, he continues to enlighten his Mary Washington students on the "Historic Struggle for Racial Equality" and "Introduction to Civil Rights," *without* using a primer. His personal story of the unprecedented movement against racist laws, institutions and practices, and instruction on how to live peacefully thereafter, comes straight from the heart.

"This was an important period in American history, and Jim played a prominent role in it," says Porter Blakemore, chair of the Department of History and American Studies. "He shows students how personal history can be. In asking him questions, they get a sense of the reality of that movement, and it really comes to life."

Soon after arriving at MWC in 1985 as a Commonwealth professor of history, Farmer completed his autobiography, *Lay Bare the Heart: An Autobiography of the Civil Rights Movement*, which helped promote his non-violent, direct-action policy on discrimination. Although not required reading for the course, the book was nevertheless voluntarily read, over the years, by many of his 3,000 students.

"The man is living history," says art history major Kate Crossman '92. "His class opened our eyes to the way race relations used to be in America. He held us all spellbound with his stories of racial inequality and how inhumane it was."

Farmer's presence on campus also attracted other dignitaries involved in the fight for racial freedom. In 1986, on separate occasions, students and Fredericksburg area residents gathered in Dodd Auditorium to hear Ralph Abernathy, mayor of Resurrection City and former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Walter Fauntroy, former congressman, president of the National Black Leadership Roundtable and chairman of the board of SCLC; and Andrew Young, ex-mayor of Atlanta and former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Each speaker shared his personal experiences in the historic 1960's struggle.

Years later, in giving the commencement oration for MWC's Class of 1989, Farmer challenged the graduates, their families and friends, to leave the world better than it was before they entered. He praised those who had risked their lives in the cause and explained that humanity transcends color, ethnicity and race. He reminded them that it's not possible to love mankind until individuals learn to love themselves.

Upon initiating Farmer into Phi Beta Kappa at MWC in 1993, David Cain, MWC professor of religion and president of Kappa of Virginia Chapter, said, "His intellectual excellence and his commitment to values, his understanding that ideas make a difference — all these qualities made this selection an appropriate one. The chapter honors him, but he, in turn, honors the chapter with his presence and his life's work and witness."

At commencement 1997, Mary Washington College awarded Dr. Farmer an honorary doctorate of humane letters. It was his 23rd honorary doctorate.

This year Mary Washington College renamed the Multicultural Center in his honor. The James Farmer Multicultural Center continually promotes Farmer's Ghandi-like method of peaceful persuasion through various College programs and in working with ethnic and activist groups. In approving the renaming of the center, the Board of Visitors said it hopes that the center will "constitute a lasting legacy dedicated to the pursuit of those humane virtues embodied in his life and promoted by his brave and distinguished career."

Today, with oppressive disabilities

(diabetes, the absence of his legs and eyesight), Farmer continues to give a stirring personal account of a chapter in U.S. history of which many of his students are unaware. "He's persevered despite all his disabilities," says Professor Blakemore, speaking for his colleagues in the Department of History and American Studies. "And it's quite inspiring for all of us."

William Crawley, historian of the College and distinguished professor of history, agrees. "All members of the MWC community — students, faculty and staff alike — have learned a great deal from Jim about personal courage," he explains. "Not only because of his dramatic actions on behalf of civil rights when he literally put his life on the line for his beliefs, but more recently because of the bravery with which he faced devastating physical illnesses."

At his home in Spotsylvania, Farmer finds peace — peace but little rest. Media visitors coming and going one morning in April 1998 have already crowded into his lunch time. Still he's happy to see them. Not completely recovered from a recent hospital visit, Farmer answers all questions from his bed. The surrounding walls exhibit photos of people and events he's had a hand in altering.

When asked what his current concerns are, he pauses, and, in a deeper and softer voice than usual, expresses the worry that "we have not created equality. But my spirits are lifted each time we make progress toward that goal."

As for his years at the College, he declares that "MWC students have been inspiring. They have inspired me with their thoughts, and in particular, with their ability to think."

Before this last hospital visit, Farmer's students, coming from all areas of study, would acknowledge his courage and significance in the human rights movement with several minutes of silence before he entered his MWC classroom. It would be unimaginably quiet until Farmer, assisted by a caretaker, would come wheeling through the door singing, in a resounding, baritone voice, "Freedom," a song some believe he created. He could have used that mellifluous voice from a pulpit after graduating from Howard University School of Religion in 1941 with a theology degree, but being urged on by some unseen force, Farmer chose another path.

"What are you going to do?" asked his father.

"Destroy segregation," the younger Farmer replied.

The fixed goal to carry this directive to as many people as possible before his body wore out focused first on young people.

"It is important for young people to hear about civil rights," explains Professor Crawley, "because, without knowing something about the conditions that prompted the movement, they cannot hope to understand contemporary racial issues.

"It is not difficult for those old enough to remember the segregation era to appreciate the depth of such problems, but to the generation that has grown up in the post-civil-rights era, there is little reason to comprehend the deep-seated nature of racial conflict in America or to appreciate the obstacles that Jim Farmer and his associates had to overcome."

Professor Claudine Ferrell, whose office was down the hall from Farmer's, recalls, "I was particularly touched by students who would show up with their parents and whisper, 'Mr. Farmer, I'd like you to meet my mother.' Parents would clasp his hand and whisper back, 'Oh, Mr. Farmer.' They just want to come by and say 'hello,' and each time it's always so reverential."

The establishment, in 1987, of MWC's James Farmer Scholar program, an academic program for 13-year-olds who have not yet committed themselves to pursuing a college education, has given hope and inspiration to more than 475 promising black students throughout Virginia.

Maintaining a "B" or better average in school is but one requirement toward graduation from the program. Upholding principles in behavior and attitude, being dedicated to one's studies and becoming involved in the community round out the curriculum. In return, the College promises to provide personal guidance and counseling and to give special consideration to any James Farmer scholar applying for admission to MWC. The program's success is evident, with 85 percent of its graduates entering college.

Brenda Sloan, Simpson librarian and long-time friend of Farmer, understands completely the importance of having an inspiring role model. Sloan has watched over Farmer since he came to MWC, providing whatever was necessary to make his life comfortable: up-to-date telephone equipment for the blind when he began losing his eyesight, then a community of volunteers to check on any other needs he might have. "I wouldn't be where I am today if people such as James Farmer hadn't come before me and cleared the way."

Dr. Farmer's message has enlightened a nation, but ask the person who hasn't heard of him, "Who conducted the first American civil rights sit-in?" and you'll probably hear the guess, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.?"

Mary Washington College students know better. With luminous faces, they'll tell you, "James Farmer. And I took his class."

As soon as Farmer came to MWC, he and Dean Phil Hall got acquainted.

President Anderson presented James Farmer with an honorary MWC doctorate of humane letters in 1997, his 23rd honorary doctorate.

THE BOARD OF VISITORS:
Who Are They and What Do They Do?

BY PAUL A. DRESSER JR.

At the fall 1997 Alumni Leadership Conference, Paul Dresser, rector of the Board of Visitors, was asked to review the governing process of the board and explain how Mary Washington College alumni serve on this board.

It is particularly important for alumni to understand the governing process of Mary Washington College because alumni play a major role in providing dedicated leaders for board service.

There are 12 members on MWC's Board of Visitors (BOV), six of whom must be MWC graduates. Currently we have eight alumni on the board, ranging from the Class of 1936 to the Class of 1989. In addition, there are two non-voting members, appointed annually to represent the students and the faculty.

Three members of the BOV are appointed each year by the governor of Virginia for four-year terms, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Board members are eligible to be reappointed for one additional four-year term. The staggered board and the reappointment possibility are both good features that ensure continuity of service to the school. One additional requirement in the Code of Virginia is that no more than three members can be non-residents of Virginia.

Mary Washington's Alumni Association plays a most important role in the selection process for board members. The Code of Virginia specifies that the Alumni Association is to provide the governor with a list of qualified persons for appointment consideration. In fact, the association must provide three names for each vacancy. Given the fact that alumni must make up at least half of the board, it's imperative that we have a pool of dedicated leaders ready to step forward.

The Board of Visitors of Mary Washington College is the governing authority, charged with the responsibility of establishing policies for the operation of the College, Belmont, and the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. In essence, the Board of Visitors acts like a corporation's board of directors. We oversee, not manage. We hire a president to manage the affairs of the College, and he or she hires the staff. We hold the president accountable.

Indeed, Mary Washington operates like a large company. The current operating budget is approximately $44 million, of which $11.6 million comes from the state and another $11.7 million from tuition. Mary Washington College employs some 650 persons (500 are full-time employees). The Board of Visitors also oversees and maintains $115 million in assets. Of this total, $88 million are investments in land, buildings and equipment. Of course, all the property belongs to the Commonwealth of Virginia, but the Board of Visitors has the responsibility to safeguard and to efficiently utilize the assets.

The powers and duties of the Visitors are important:

- control and expend the funds of the College and any appropriation provided
- make all necessary rules and regulations concerning the College
- appoint the president and all teachers and fix their salaries
- provide for the employment of other required personnel
- generally direct the affairs of the College
- set fees charged to students for tuition, room and board, and other charges
- confer degrees
- make any necessary alterations to the curriculum
- meet at least once a year for an annual meeting and "at such other times as the Visitors shall determine"

Mary Washington's Board of Visitors meets six times a year, beginning with a summer retreat to organize and to discuss long-range plans with the president. In addition, there are two meetings during the fall semester and three meetings, including commencement, in the spring semester.

To facilitate the carrying out of its responsibilities, the BOV elects a rector (chair), vice rector, and secretary for two-year terms. These three officers and two other elected members serve as the Executive Committee of the board. In addition, there are six standing committees:

- Academic Affairs
- Student Affairs
- Audit and Finance
- Historic Properties
- Alumni/College Relations
- Buildings and Grounds

Members of the board serve on three committees on a rotating basis; however, in recent years, Mary Washington's Board of Visitors has chosen to adopt a

Members of the BOV participate in the life of the College on formal occasions, such as Rector Dresser's address at Commencement 1997 (previous page). Former Rector Katherine Edmondson Hopper '30 and Virginia Lewis Dalton '40 greeted Executive-in-Residence Edward Utley in 1994 (above).

BOV members are also on hand for informal events such as Community Appreciation Day (above) and baseball games.

meeting format permitting all members of the board to hear all committee discussions (consecutive meetings).

A typical board meeting at Mary Washington begins on Thursday evening with a late afternoon social, followed by dinner and discussion with the president and staff. Sometimes there is a committee meeting. Fridays are always filled, beginning with a breakfast meeting with students or faculty or administrators, followed by committee meetings that last until about 5 p.m. After a quick break, the board usually gathers at Brompton for dinner with President and Mrs. Anderson and their invited guests. On Saturday morning, committee reports are completed, and the board concludes with a formal meeting to review activities and to approve resolutions and other actions. It is always a full schedule when the Board of Visitors is on campus.

In my opinion, we need men and women with a diversity of skills and experiences to serve on the board. My ideal board would have some representation of these areas:

- business management
- secondary education experience
- investment management
- legal background
- alumni association or foundation board experience
- parents of current students or recent graduates

As much as we need a diversity of skills, we also need continuity of service and board members who will get involved and work. Our board must be dedicated to doing everything possible to provide the best long-term direction for the College, thus ensuring that Mary Washington College will constantly improve its standards of excellence for its students, faculty and staff. We should take pride that this year *Money* magazine ranked Mary Washington the "best value" in Virginia and ranked our school 12th in the nation. Of course, we know that Mary Washington College is the Number One liberal arts college in America! We win on costs; we win on having a beautiful campus; we win on desirable location; we win with a great faculty and staff and academic strength; and we win with talented, creative, and highly intelligent students. What more could a board member ask for? It is a pleasure and an honor to serve on the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors.

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Mark Hollingsworth

In recent years the student body of Mary Washington College has become more diverse with the inclusion of more minority students and a larger-than-ever percentage of male students, as well as appreciable numbers of out-of-state and foreign students. Also contributing to that diversity are students in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program – a degree program designed for students of non-traditional college age. In the following two articles, College Historian Bill Crawley profiles two such students.

Mark, at the helm, takes the Miss Ann *down river while friend David (right) enjoys the cruise.*

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

For most Mary Washington students, a cruise on a yacht would probably be the highlight of their summer vacation; for Mark Hollingsworth, it's all in a day's work. And he's not just *on* the yacht, he's at the helm.

During the past two summers, while completing courses for the historic preservation degree that he received at this year's commencement, Mark — that's for Michael Ashton Raymond Kendall — worked as dockmaster at The Tides Inn, a prestigious resort in Irvington, Virginia. While the more mundane aspects of the job involved allocating dock space for the inn's maritime guests and directing traffic in and out of the busy marina, the most enjoyable part, as he readily acknowledges, was piloting the *Miss Ann*, the resort's 127-foot flagship, an assignment he shared with the inn's other licensed captain.

Miss Ann *glides into port.*

Mark's journey to the *Miss Ann*, and to MWC, was a rather circuitous one. Born in Alexandria, where he began sailing as a young child, he moved with his family to Marblehead, Massachusetts, where his fascination with the water increased. Then, when he was 11, his family moved back to Virginia — this time to the unhurried Northern Neck port of Irvington — again enabling him to stay on, or in, the water much of the time.

In his mid-teens he began to work at The Tides Inn, first as a counselor in the resort's children's program, and later holding various dockside jobs, all the while earning money as a diver, cleaning boat hulls.

His college career began — and ended, at least temporarily — at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Disillusioned with that program, he returned to work in Irvington, but was soon attracted to MWC's historic preservation program, viewing it as a possible means of combining his interest in history with his love of the water. After spending two years at Rappahannock Community

College acquiring general education prerequisites, he enrolled in the B.L.S. program in 1996.

In the meanwhile, he had become "Captain" Mark, the result of successfully completing the arduous physical and mental tests required for a captain's license. It was not long thereafter that he found himself at the helm of the *Miss Ann*, where he became accustomed to the surprised reactions of passengers who, because of his youthfulness, often mistook him initially for a waiter, bartender or deckhand.

Despite Mark's age and lack of experience as a captain, Randy Stevens, manager of The Tides Inn, had no reluctance to place him in charge of the *Miss Ann*. It was not just the technical skills of seamanship that convinced Stevens of Mark's worthiness, but his exceptional sense of responsibility. "Most impressive," says Stevens, "is the concern that Mark has for our guests, and the immediate rapport he establishes with them."

Among such guests last summer were members of the MWC Board of Visitors, who took a cruise on the *Miss Ann* with Captain Mark during a retreat at the inn. Having one of their own at the helm made it special, according to Jean Polk Hanky '69. "Mark was not only an extremely skillful captain, but so very personable," she says. "We asked him questions about the boat that he probably hears on every cruise, and yet he responded as enthusiastically as if he'd never been asked before."

The truth is, Mark loves to talk about boats, the *Miss Ann* in particular. One of his preservation projects involved documenting the ship's varied history — from her construction in the 1920s as the personal yacht of a Detroit entrepreneur, to her World War II service as a conscripted naval vessel, to her current incarnation as cruise ship — a process that he hopes will lead to inclusion of the craft on the National Register of Historic Places.

In that and other ways, Mark has helped to widen the focus of the MWC preservation program, according to his mentor, Professor John Pearce. "I've long felt that, given the College's location, we should have some emphasis on maritime preservation," Pearce says. "Mark's passion for maritime history and culture has helped to move us in that direction. His senior research paper — an extensive oral history of Northern Neck boat-builders — is a good example. It really is an important study of a fading element of our regional heritage."

Having just completed his degree, Mark is currently dividing his time between a job at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum and occasional work at The Tides Inn. He plans to continue his education with graduate study in maritime history at East Carolina University — an undertaking for which he believes he has been well prepared by the MWC historic preservation program. "It was perfect for me," he says. "I thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of it."

Two things about Mark's future seem certain. The first is that he'll be found somewhere near the water; the second is that he'll be successful. As Jean Hanky puts it, "Mark has really been an asset to Mary Washington. And you just know that he's the kind of person who'll be a great ambassador for us in the years ahead."

Margaret Sullivan

Margaret Sullivan always looked forward to going to college — for over 70 years, in fact.

Born in Fredericksburg in 1919, she finally enrolled at Mary Washington for her very first class in 1991. Now, approaching 80, she is the College's oldest student.

The long delay was not by design but the result of her early circumstances: Depression-era Virginia was not conducive to educational opportunities for young women. "My family was far from wealthy," she says, "and, in any case, a college education for girls wasn't really considered necessary in those days." And so, with her dreams of college perforce delayed — though never destroyed — she settled into her marriage, reared a son, and worked steadily, both in her home and in an outside job as well.

Margaret's main avocation during that time was (and remains) gardening. As with most other aspects of her busy life, her approach to gardening was not perfunctory, but marked by dedication to task and fueled by a passion for excellence. The result was the creation of a spectacular garden at her home overlooking the Rappahannock River, and the acquisition of a deserved reputation as one of the region's most respected gardeners. Widely known as "the daylily lady," she earned acclaim not only for growing the flowers, but also for

hybridizing them, and has introduced over a dozen of her own cultivars into the national market.

Entering her 60s, Margaret (pictured, above, in her garden) had enjoyed a full life by most measures, but she had yet other ambitions. An epiphany came at the age of 62 when she suffered a heart attack that convinced her that, if her dreams were ever to be fulfilled, it was time to get started. So, rather than allow infirmities to limit her, she resolved to redouble her activities.

First she began to travel, beginning with historic sites in the eastern United States, but soon venturing abroad — notwithstanding the protestations of her husband, Sam, who, she says quite cheerfully, "thought I was nuts." Her initial trip included tours of a number of European countries and was followed by a more extensive visit to France several years later, but not before going back to high school to learn French. Thereafter came visits to such disparate places as Australia and New Zealand, China, Turkey, Scandinavia, and, most recently, Russia — by her reckoning approximately 30 different countries in all. (Her favorite? Turkey, because of its highly multicultural flavor.)

But even with gardening and traveling so extensively — and sometimes luxuriously, as aboard the *QE II* — Margaret still harbored the desire for a college education. Over the years, even though she had already acquired an exceptional education through avid (and purposeful) reading, the desire for more formalized study had not been satisfied. But was she too old to start college? "They say you're only as old as you feel," she says, adding defiantly, "Well, I didn't *feel* old."

The most reasonable approach, given the circumstances, would have been for her to take an occasional course in the College's non-credit ElderStudy program, a program specifically designed for retired adults. Such was not for her. The truth is that, notwithstanding a normally genteel demeanor, Margaret can be feisty — or "bull-headed," to put it in her own words. "Whatever I took, by golly, I wanted *credit* for," she says.

And so, again, she launched out — this time entering the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program. Again, her husband was skeptical, asking incredulously, she recalls, "What are all those kids going to think of you, a hundred-year-old woman, taking classes?" He need not have worried because, as Margaret now says emphatically, "The students have treated me regally!"

One of her history classmates, Janelle Schopfel '98, explains why Margaret is regarded so highly. She recalls being a bit surprised at first by the sight of an impeccably dressed elderly lady ambling into class supported by an elegant cane, but quickly found her classmate to be "just the neatest person, and always in the best mood. I think of her as the quintessential Southern lady."

Margaret has earned the praise of her professors as well as her peers. According to her B.L.S. mentor, English professor Mary Rigsby, Margaret is "a wonderful role model — so active and creative in her thinking." And, she adds with obvious admiration, "She's just who I want to be when I'm her age."

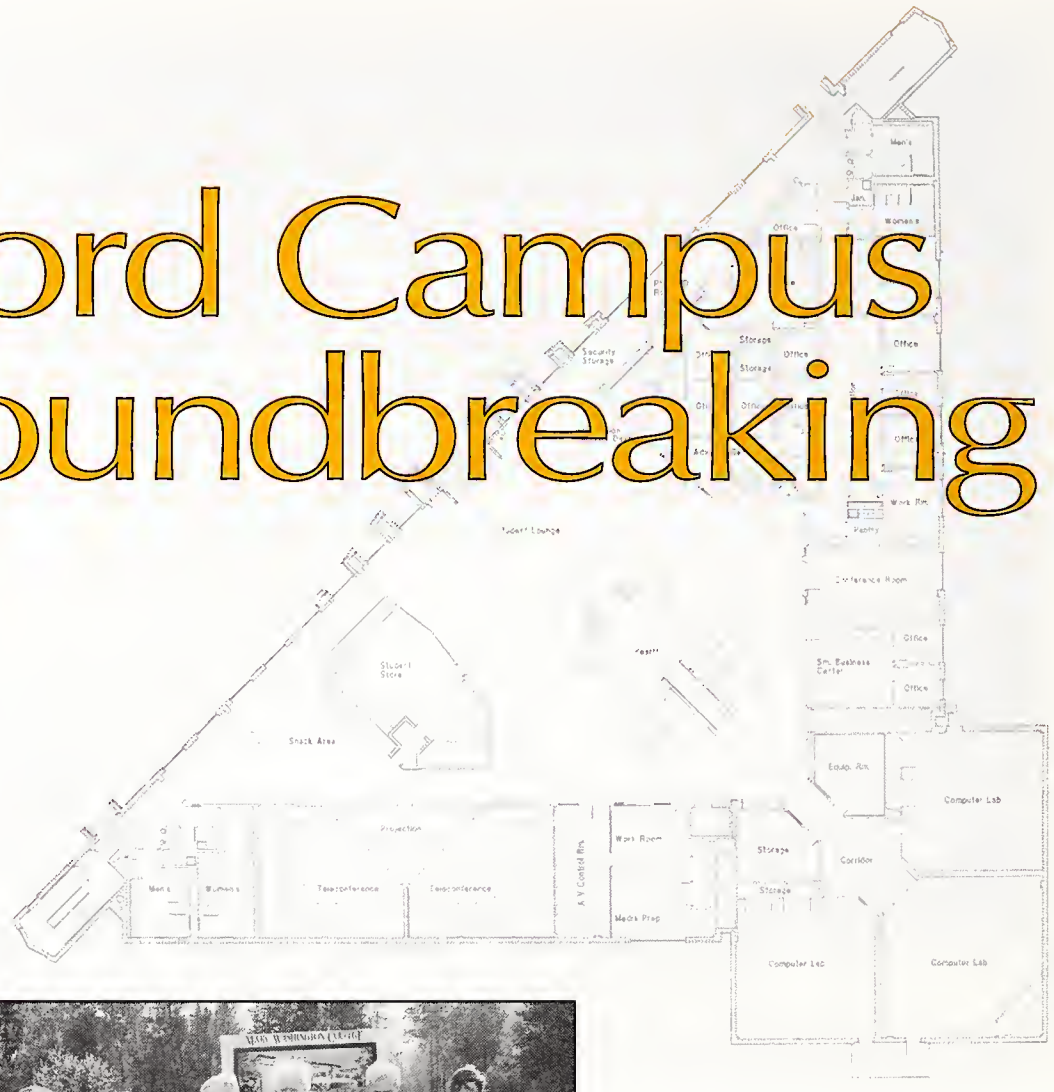
Though Margaret would like to be making faster progress, she has found it feasible to take only one course per semester, sticking so far to her favorite subjects of English, history, and geography. (Scheduling, for example, can be a problem, since she no longer drives, and arthritis sometimes diminishes her stamina.) But, if the credit-hours have been slow to amass, the quality-points haven't. Her academic record, according to officials in the Registrar's Office, is "exceptional."

Does she plan to complete her degree program? She scoffs at the notion. "I *am* 78 years old, and I'm still a freshman," she says with a characteristic chuckle. "No way!"

Don't bet against it.

William B. Crawley Jr. is Rector and Visitors Professor of History and serves as historian of the College. Jeanne Clifford-Holleman, M.A.L.S. '98, also contributed to the article on Margaret Sullivan.

Stafford Campus Groundbreaking



BY KATHRYN R. WILLIS '70

On a blustery April afternoon, dignitaries gathered with shovels and smiles to break ground for the College's new Stafford Campus. But with the turning over of those few pieces of Virginia earth, more was begun than simply a new building. Through technological applications to learning, and through innovative programming adapted to the needs of the working adult, the College's new campus promises to link thousands of students to universities around the world. It will also answer the region's needs for graduate and professional education well into the 21st century.

Representatives from Mary Washington College, Stafford County, and GEICO participate in the groundbreaking. From left: Charles Sydnor, Rector Paul Dresser, President Anderson, Sen. John Chichester, Sidney O. Dewberry (president of Dewberry and Davis architectural firm), O.M. Nicely (president of GEICO), Stafford County Administrator C.M. Williams.

The mission of the new campus is to serve the adult part-time student in career advancement, professional development, and personal growth. "All the programs will be related to the working adult student — the business person, the educator, the technology professional — rather than the traditional student of the liberal arts," explained Dr. Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and professional studies. "Even the liberal arts courses are going to have a different emphasis: professional communications, professional ethics — the kinds of courses that will allow participants to bring practical application to what they do everyday in the workplace."

The ceremonies were hosted at GEICO, a major regional employer whose new offices are located within a mile of the new campus site on Rt. 17 in Stafford County. In his remarks, MWC President William M. Anderson Jr. explained that the advanced technology "provides all we need to bring programs from around the world to this area" via the Internet, satellite, and other technology.

Dr. Anderson emphasized the role of the new campus in the economic development of the region. "We are committed to bringing the resources to area businesses so that they have the quality of work force that they need," he said.

State Senator John Chichester also addressed the new facility's role in re-educating the region's work force. "We are in a global economy, and we in Virginia must stay on the cutting edge of technology," he said. Sen. Chichester's efforts on behalf of the Stafford Campus were instrumental in bringing the facility from concept to reality.

In addition to innovative programming and long-distance learning, the campus will also serve as the new home of public television station WNVT. Dr. Charles Sydnor, president of Central Virginia Telecommunications Corporation, the station's owner, remarked that "we are taking the

Guests interact with computer programs and designer software.

Sen. John H. Chichester

one invention that best characterizes the 20th century — television — and applying its educational power and its technological possibilities to what will become one of the most typical experiences of the 21st century, electronic distance learning." He added, "What we are beginning today resonates with the courage of common sense."

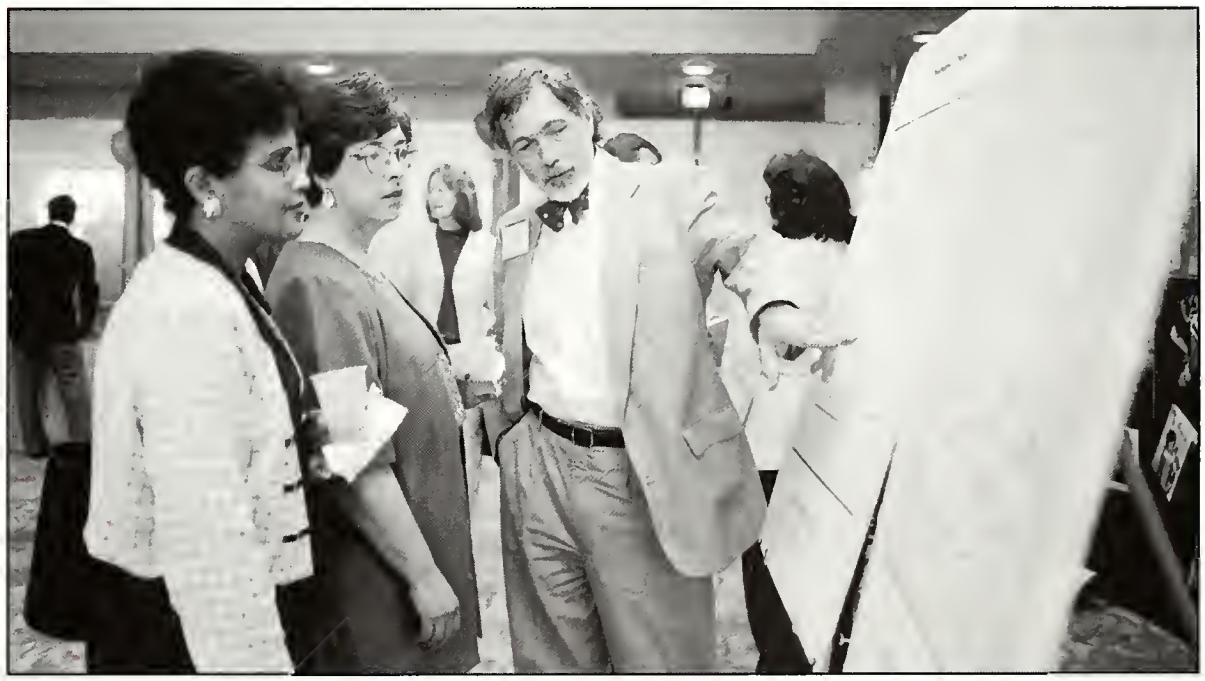
Dr. Braymer commented that with the addition of WNVT, new majors and internships in the communications field may be created. Emphasis will be placed on practical applications for careers in communications and media.

"The Stafford Campus will become a crossroads for higher education," Dr. Anderson predicted. "Higher education will continue to follow the model that we're establishing, and one day we'll reconvene on this spot and say that we started it all right here."

Kathryn R. Willis '70 is director of marketing for the Center for Graduate and Professional Studies at MWC.

More information about the Stafford Campus, its programs, and the construction and plans for the new facility may be accessed by visiting the College's website at www.mwc.edu., and clicking on Stafford Campus. Periodic updates about additional programs and about the progress of its construction will be posted as the campus nears its completion date of fall 1999.

The banner, Partners in Progress, enhances the GEICO stage.



Architect Richard Ford explains the blueprints to guests.

Meta Braymer proudly looks to the future.

V. EARL DICKINSON STADIUM

Festivities

A love affair!

Handshake after the ceremonial first pitch.

Is Del. Dickinson giving the Eagles a few batting tips?

The Dickinson family agrees it's a great day.

President Anderson and Athletic Director Ed Hegmann talk strategy with Del. Dickinson before the game.

V. Earl Dickinson, member of the Virginia House of Delegates, welcomed the April 18th crowd to Community Appreciation Day at the College baseball stadium, which is named for him.

In pre-game ceremonies, he expressed his love for MWC and his delight at the stadium's name, and reflected on his love of baseball and his long-time connection with the College. When Dickinson was presented with a team-autographed bat and threw out the ceremonial first pitch, the afternoon's game between the MWC Eagles and the Catholic University Cardinals got underway.

The Board of Visitors and other special guests were on hand for the day's festivities — as were 800 fans — who enjoyed baseball, free hot dogs and soft drinks, and live musical entertainment.

Mary Washington College has one of the finest NCAA Division III baseball programs in the country. Since the program's inception in 1987, the College has achieved the 13th best record in Division III (236 wins, 98 losses, 1 tie). There are 776 teams in Divisions I, II and III, and MWC has the 34th best winning percentage in all divisions combined. Mary Washington has been ranked in the national Division III top-20 in each of the past nine years.

MWC teams have produced three All-Americans, four current professional players and 37 NCAA South Region Selections. Also the teams have earned eight conference "Players of the Year" awards, two ECAC South "Players of the Year," 15 ECAC South Region Selections, 22 Virginia College All-State players and 87 All-Conference picks.

V. Earl Dickinson Stadium is located on Hanover Street near its intersection with William Street.

Helping Hands

MWC Student-Athletes Prove Themselves in Community, in Competition

BY CLINT OFTEN

On the field of competition, Mary Washington College's 21-sport contingent has brought many championships and fond memories to the College community over the years. That success has accorded many MWC athletes national recognition, with Eagle players posting national-caliber statistics and records for the past few decades. But perhaps their greatest achievements — performed off the field — have never been scribed in any record book.

Mary Washington's athletes have proven to be not only most gifted, but also most giving — of their time, efforts, and money to those in need. This sharing spirit has permeated every team, and has created a lasting bond between the athletes at MWC and the people of Fredericksburg.

One example of MWC's community outreach occurred in December, when the department's Gift of Sharing

campaign, initiated by head volleyball and softball coach, Dee Conway, raised several thousand dollars for Christmas presents for more than 50 local needy youths. The gifts, selected and purchased by the athletes and coaches, were presented at a special party hosted by the department prior to the Eagles' basketball doubleheader against St. Mary's

Children are usually enchanted with the Eagle mascot.

College, at which the children were special guests.

In addition to receiving presents, the children were able to visit with members of all of MWC's athletic teams, as well as the Eagle mascot. A collection was also taken at the basketball games to provide a Christmas meal for several needy families for the holidays. Enough money was raised to allow several families to enjoy a holiday meal they wouldn't have had otherwise.

For Eagle sports teams, the giving isn't limited to the holiday season; MWC teams have forged bonds with the local community in other ways. Coach Conway's softball and volleyball teams are sponsoring a child through the St. Jude program; Kurt Glaeser's men's lacrosse teams have had trash pick-up days annually in the Fredericksburg area; Tom Sheridan's baseball team works with needy families at Thanksgiving. In addition to his coaching duties, Matt Kinney teaches CPR and first aid; athletes from the field hockey, lacrosse, and tennis teams volunteer at the local Serenity House and with local HIV family-support groups. Several athletes have volunteered at the local homeless shelter, cooking and serving food.

The most special bond with the community, though, is with its children. Many teams invite youth groups, such as Scouts, Brownies, and youth sports teams to games as special guests; coaches provide day camps to young Fredericksburg area children interested in sports. Most of MWC's coaches have even volunteered to coach youth teams during summer months to promote interest and fundamentals in sports. Head Athletic Trainer Bob Liebau continues to be heavily involved in the Fredericksburg Fellowship of Christian Athletes' summer camps in addition to his regular duties as FCA huddle leader at MWC.

Eagle athletes have also gotten into the act, as teams take time to go into the community and tutor young children struggling with their studies. The athletes also have spoken at local elementary schools about the ills of drug and alcohol abuse, and the importance of staying in school.

With all these efforts, it is little wonder that MWC has such a tremendous local following. After the last whistle of the season has blown and after the cheers have subsided, the sports program at MWC — no matter what the final scores — is a winner.

Clint Often is MWC's sports information director.

Teamwork isn't just on the field; it's in community pride, too. The MWC player below is part of his team's "trash-pick-up day."

Honoring Past Greats...

Nominations open for MWC Athletic Hall of Fame

If you are an MWC alumnus, you probably remember some varsity athletes whose excellence made an impact in your college experience, or maybe it was a successful coach, or an influential administrator. *You* can be a major player in honoring these past greats. The Mary Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame, in its third year, needs your nominations.

Hall of Fame inductees are honored at the annual awards banquet the Friday evening of Homecoming Weekend. Commemorative plaques are given to each inductee, and a copy of each plaque is then displayed in the Hall of Fame Lounge in Goolrick Gymnasium.

To fund the Hall of Fame, the MWC Athletic Department needs the assistance of alumni and friends. Each May, a Hall of Fame Golf Tournament is held as the primary fund-raiser for the project. Tax-deductible donations are also welcome.

You can help make the Hall of Fame an unqualified success by sending nominations. What better way to rekindle sports memories than to honor the outstanding athletes/coaches/administrators who created them?

For nomination information call Clint Often, MWC sports information director, at (540) 654-1743 or e-mail coften@mwc.edu.

Coach Gordon = President Gordon

Roy Gordon, men's soccer coach at Mary Washington College, is this year's president of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), the 50th chief executive in the history of the organization. Coach Gordon's picture appeared on the cover of the January-February 1998 issue of the *NSCAA Soccer Journal*. There are more than 15,000 members in the NSCAA — all soccer coaches from elementary school through the professional ranks.

Nomination Form For Mary Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame 1998

(NOTE: If nominating a former varsity athlete, nominee must have graduated from Mary Washington College no later than 1988, or if a coach, administrator, etc., must have served an extensive length of time at the College. You may not nominate yourself for the Hall of Fame.)

Please type or print clearly!

Name of nominee: _____ Class: _____ Varsity sport(s): _____

Reason(s) for nomination: _____

Submitted by: _____ Relationship to nominee (teammate, fan, coach, etc.): _____

Address and/or phone number of nominee (if you know it): _____

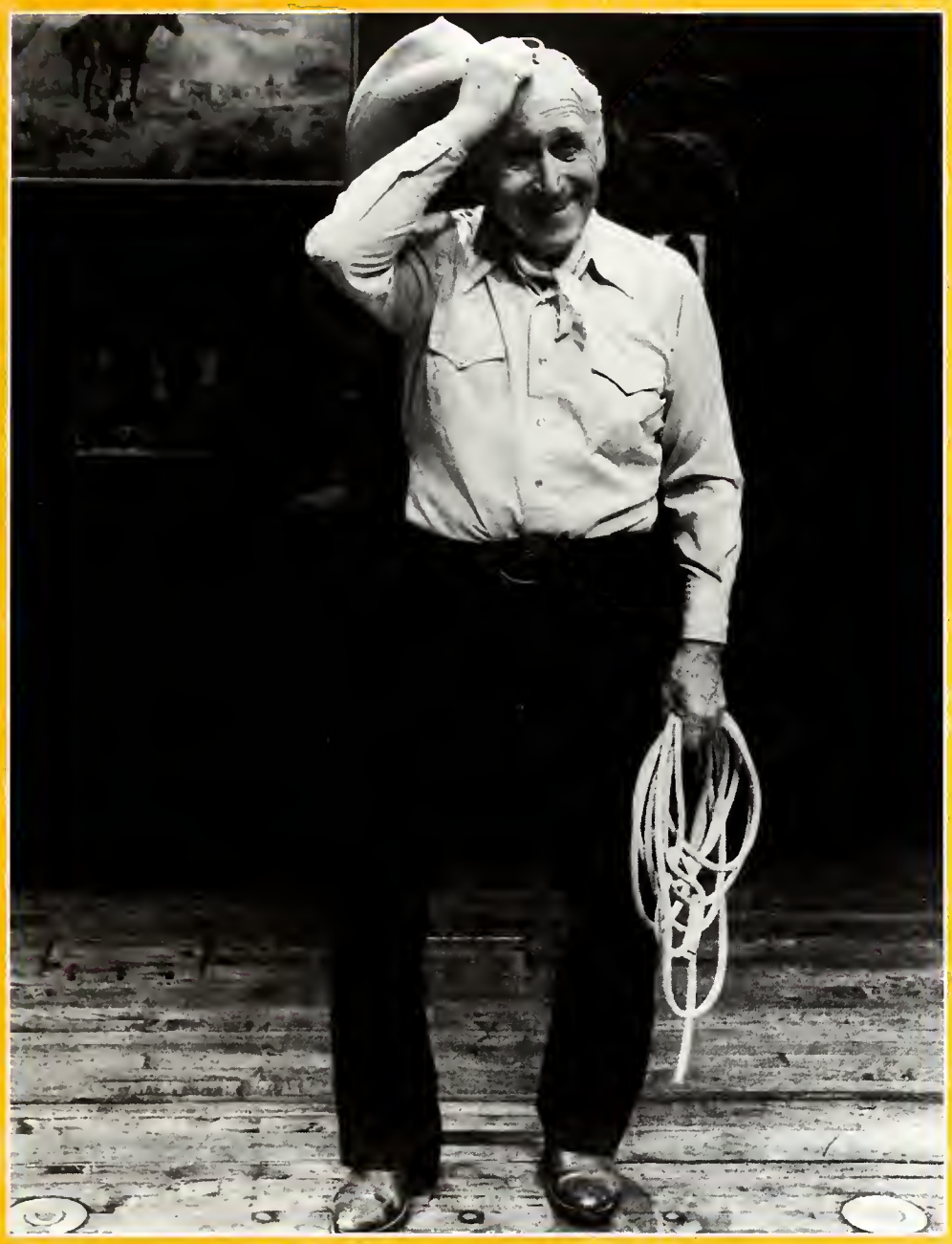
YOUR address and phone number: _____

MAIL TO: Sports Hall of Fame Committee, c/o Sports Information Office, Mary Washington College, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5358.

NOTE: All nominees will be notified by mail that they are under consideration for the Hall of Fame, and will be asked to fill out a complete biographical form at that time for further consideration.

FREDERICKSBURG FORUM

★ James Whitmore as Will Rogers ★



BY CAROL THOMAS HORTON '90

There was a time in American history when flappers and gangsters had an advantage over ordinary folk. And politicians set about accounting for a Depression that created streets of people standing in soup lines. A time when Americans needed to laugh at themselves in order to feel some comfort.

Actor James Whitmore's popular recreation of the cowboy philosopher and motion-picture star, Will Rogers, portrays one of the men of that time who brought this comfort. Rogers was a forthright man who spoke his piece in stately theaters and on schoolhouse steps, paying little mind to fancy duds and formalities.

"Will Rogers didn't like statues," reflects Whitmore before his performance at the sold-out Fredericksburg Forum in Dodd Auditorium on April 15. "He thought they were privies for pigeons."

With the lights dim, Whitmore slips a wide-brim hat on the back of his head and gets his rope from a pair of antlers attached to the backdrop. When the spotlight grows brighter, Whitmore has reconfigured himself into a cowpoke slump, swaying back and forth as he meanders along the edge of a cowhide rug. James Whitmore has become Will Rogers.

Scanning the audience, "Rogers" begins by introducing himself as a celebrity of unique distinction. "I'm not only the ugliest man in the movies, but one of the only ones who still has the same wife."

As the warm connection between Will Rogers and his fans emerges through Whitmore, the actor continues to offer a privileged but humorous glimpse into Rogers' life. A modest cowhand born on an Indian reservation in Oklahoma, he reasons, "I had just enough white blood to make my honesty questionable."

The cowboy refers to his Native American roots with both humor and pride. "I don't understand the big fuss about the English coming to America," he says. "My folks met the boat."

Having established who Rogers was, Whitmore removes his hat while scratching his head with the same hand. With a perplexed expression, routine to the Will Rogers' style, he muses about the situation in Washington, D.C. "I'm not a member of any organized party," he announces. "I'm a Democrat."

Assuming his listeners find as much confusion in the political arena as he does, the actor confesses, "I don't know why the hired help has so many problems. After all," he slaps his thigh and chuckles, "we have the best politicians money can buy." The roar from the audience gives an opportunity for the taunting personality to grasp his Texas-sized belt buckle with both hands and waddle behind a desk scattered with paperwork.

"All I know is what I read in the papers," the actor remarks as he ruffles through a pile of newspapers. In commenting on the American lifestyle, he mentions that Americans aren't as down on their luck as it seems. "Yeah, there's no income tax in Russia," he says. "But that's because there's no income."

No cowboy show is proper without mention of the American legend and "Chevrolet of the West," the horse. Twirling his rope, Whitmore explains the complications of horse training. "You throw a lasso at the horse first. If the horse throws it back, you quit, right then and there."

Amid all the humor and charm of the evening, the message of Will Rogers becomes clear as Whitmore offers his on-lookers one more cowboy smile.

"Live your life," he says, "so that you wouldn't be afraid to sell your parrot to the town gossip." Leaving his audience in laughter, he pivots around in his turned-up-toe cowboy boots, and walks away.

Carol Thomas Horton, M.A.L.S. '90, is a staff writer in the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs at Mary Washington.

The Fredericksburg Forum is a community-supported program that is under the sponsorship of Mary Washington College. Underwritten by season-ticket sales and corporate sponsorships, the Fredericksburg Forum brings nationally known speakers twice a year to the Fredericksburg community and the College campus. For more information, call (540) 654-1276.

On Campus

"Two years ago we celebrated the beginning of a dream — a dream to bring to MWC a beautiful new science facility — the Jepson Science Center... Alice and Bob, you have made higher education a major beneficiary of our gifts, and set an example for others in society to follow."

– President Anderson, April 15, 1998

U.S. Senator Charles Robb returned to MWC for this auspicious occasion.

Beth Reynolds '99 (right) and Sara Zappala '99 (not pictured) had the honor of presenting Mrs. Jepson with a charm bracelet and a painting of the Jepson Science Center.

The Jepson Science Center Ribbon Cutting

Major donors Alice Andrews Jepson '64 and her husband, Robert S. Jepson Jr., local and state dignitaries, College supporters and College officials opened the Jepson Science Center, a four-story, 72,000-square-foot facility, which had been under construction since March 1996.

The building houses teaching laboratories, research labs, classrooms and offices for undergraduate programs in biology, chemistry, physics, geology and environmental science. Furnishings for the new classrooms and labs will be ready for classes this fall.

Alice Andrews Jepson '64 praised the structure, wondering along with the audience gathered in front of the facility, what scientific discoveries might be made here by MWC faculty and students.

Before taking giant shears to the gleaming golden ribbon opening the science center, Mrs. Jepson noted that it would be impossible to thank each individual who played a part in achieving this dream of a new science center.

"There are three, however, that I would most especially like to thank," she said. "Dr. Anderson for your vision, your focus and your tenacity in seeing this project completed. Second, to Senator (John) Chichester and the General Assembly — for without their support of the College and the science building this facility would not be here today. Lastly, my heart-felt thanks to my husband, Bob, for understanding my love for this my alma mater and for his commitment and generous support in making this dream come true.

"Bob and I are thrilled and deeply touched by the honor you have given us with the naming of this beautiful new science center. Now, Dr. Anderson, let's go open that door."

Touring the facility

Prof. Rosemary Barra showing off one of the labs

Mary Washington Hosts Women's Summit

Mary Washington College hosted the first statewide conference of the newly formed Virginia Foundation for Women (VFW). Nearly 200 participants, representing 86 nonprofit and service organizations from throughout the state, met on the campus in December. Called "Summit '97," the meeting focused on establishing ties among nonprofits that serve women and girls in any capacity.

Dr. Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and professional studies at Mary Washington College, welcomed the delegates and chaired the conference.

Keynote speaker Frances Hesselbein (pictured above) addressed the group on the qualities of leadership that mark successful nonprofit organizations. Hesselbein, who is the president and chief executive officer of the Peter F. Drucker Foundation, is also an internationally recognized authority on increasing organizational effectiveness. "Leadership is a matter of how to *be*, not how to *do* it," Hesselbein told the delegates. "I discovered the power within. You and I spend our lives learning how to do it. Yet it is how to *be* that defines quality and character, performance and contributions." She further declared, "This historic session is sending an important message. Women of Virginia are saying very clearly, 'We are moving beyond the walls of our own interests to build a partnership that will change lives and build community.'"

Mary Sue Terry, chair of the foundation and former attorney general of Virginia, said the mission of the foundation is "to promote the welfare of women and girls through education, collaboration, outreach and leadership."

Kay Poyner of Richmond, who volunteers as president of the foundation, announced that the organization now has a website, *www.virginiawomen.org*, which will expand its information offerings as resources and services are identified.

PALMIERI PLAZA

At its February meeting, the Board of Visitors unanimously passed the resolution paraphrased below.

From the moment Richard P. Palmieri joined the faculty of Mary Washington College in 1977, as a member of the Geography Department, until his untimely death in 1997, he exerted, in countless ways, a positive and profound influence on the College.

- His dedication to scholarly activity set a high standard of achievement for all his institutional colleagues.
- His commitment to the welfare of MWC showed in his serving the College in other capacities, including curator of furniture and interim director of the Center for Historic Preservation.
- His combination of integrity and intellect — always leavened by his peerless sense of humor and unfailing enthusiasm — established him as one of the faculty's most engaging and most admired members.
- He was, above all, a teacher of matchless talent who earned the respect and affection of his students through classes that were rigorous, yet ever enjoyable and compelling.

To honor the memory of one who served the College so long and so well, the Monroe Hall fountain square is hereby named the Richard P. Palmieri Plaza.

National Honor for MWC Student

Luke P. Sbarra, a recent graduate of Mary Washington College, has received a national award, the Pi Sigma Alpha Best Undergraduate Paper for 1996-97. Sbarra has been awarded a cash prize of $250 for his paper, "Whither China: Modernization Without Democratization." His work was supervised by Mary Washington College faculty members Richard Ehrle, senior lecturer in political science, and John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science and international affairs. The runners-up for the award include students from Dickinson College and Mississippi State University.

Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society. The selection committee for the award consisted of three members of the Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Council.

MWC and Fredericksburg Theatre Company Announce Merger and Summer Theater Plans

As one of the first musicals produced by the Fredericksburg Theatre Company (known then as the Fredericksburg Summer Theatre), this 1979 production of "Once Upon a Mattress" helped to establish the strong and loyal audience that the company continues to enjoy today.

Mary Washington College and the Fredericksburg Theatre Company will offer a joint summer theater program at the College.

"We wanted to expand the summer school program for our students," says Gregg Stull, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance at Mary Washington College, "and the Fredericksburg Theatre Company was looking for a new location to hold its annual productions. We have decided that it would be mutually beneficial to join forces."

"We are very excited about the merger," says Debby Klein, spokeswoman for the Fredericksburg Theatre Company. "Our goal is to offer quality theater to the community and at the same time offer education and training to emerging actors. It is natural that we should look to the College to share this venture."

The summer productions will draw upon the extensive pool of talent in the community. Members of the Fredericksburg Theatre Company will play important roles as actors as well as members of scenic, lighting, costume and other production teams. The theater company has been presenting plays to the Fredericksburg community for more than two decades.

"I am very pleased that the two groups will be working together to offer a program that will enable our students to earn up to eight credits during the two summer sessions," says Dr. Constance Diamant, registrar and director of summer session at MWC. "A summer theater program is a real plus for all students and the community. Theater students will have a place to work with other students, and the community can enjoy their labor." Classes will be offered for college credit in acting, scene design, costume design, theater management and marketing.

Stull explains that the College wants to see the campus as a destination point for summer travelers. Having a regular summer theater season and a resident theater company will help attain that goal.

"The departmental faculty members are behind this partnership 100 percent," says Stull. "It would not be possible to offer such a broad program without their backing." Faculty members will teach classes that will assist in the production of plays.

The summer season runs from June 18 to July 26 and includes two musicals and a comedy: "Working," "Lost in Yonkers," and "The Secret Garden." "The merger promises to be a wonderful alliance for the arts in the Fredericksburg region," Klein says.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Mehdi Aminrazavi, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, presented a paper, "Ibn sina and Suhrhrawardi on Knowledge," at the International Philosophy Conference in New York. The focus of the conference was metaphysics, knowledge and value.

Bulent I. Atalay, professor of physics, organized a three-day conference in Washington, D.C., featuring Yuval Ne'eman, an internationally known physicist from Israel, who spoke on "Symmetry in Its Various Aspects: Search for Order in the Universe." The meeting attracted scholars from around the world, including Anatoly Fomenko, chairman of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Moscow, geneticist Guido Pincheira from the University of Chile, and chemist Jack Dunits from the Federal Institute in Zurich.

James E. Baker, distinguished professor of music, conducted an all-Mozart

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The Office of Career Services has just added a new service called Jobtrak. This is an internet site with job postings, internship listings, career resources, and a database where a student can post a resume. The service is available to all Mary Washington students and alumni free of charge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Career Services at (540) 654-1022 or e-mail gjohnson@mwc.edu.

concert with the West Bohemian Symphony Orchestra in Marianske Lasne, Czech Republic. This symphony orchestra has a history dating back to 1822 with Weber and Chopin among its early conductors. Dr. Baker also has conducted the Vratza Philharmonic Orchestra in Vratza, Bulgaria, and attended the conductor's symposium at Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic.

Rosemary Barra, professor of biology, has been elected vice president of the Virginia Academy of Science. As vice president she will plan the program for the academy's annual meeting.

Jenifer L. Blair, associate dean for admissions, presented her research on "Chief Admissions Officers: Their Profiles, Roles, Career Paths, and Status," at several regional admissions conferences. They included the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling conference held in Charlottesville, Va.; the New England Association for College Admission Counseling conference held at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn.; and the New York State Association for College Admission Counseling annual meeting at Wells College, Aurora, N.Y. Dr. Blair is serving as president of the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling during 1997-1998.

Marshall E. Bowen, distinguished professor of geography, read his paper, "What's Gotten into the Fields? Crop Destruction on Pioneer Dry Farms in the Great Basin." He made the presentation to specialists on the Historical Geography of the Mountain West at the annual meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers in Bozeman, Mont. In addition, he presented a paper titled "Dryland Devastation: An Interpretation of the Crop Failures of 1915 and 1916 in Two Great Basin Localities" at the annual meeting of the Pioneer America Society in Dearborn, Mich. Dr. Bowen also presented "Part-Time Pioneering on the Great Basin Dryland Frontier" at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers in Birmingham, Ala.

Carole J. Corcoran, associate professor of psychology, is co-author of a chapter in the book, *A Psychology of Women Reader: Common and Diverse Experiences*, which will be published this year. Dr. Corcoran wrote the chapter, "Preventing Sexual Assault on Campus: A Feminist Perspective," along with author Deborah Mahlstedt. Corcoran was an invited speaker and chair of a symposium on "Men Stopping Violence Against Women" at the 4th Annual Conference of the Southern Regional Chapter of the Association for Women in Psychology.

Bruce R. O'Brien

Victor A. Fingerhut, associate professor of political science, moderated a panel at the 50th anniversary convention of the Americans for Democratic Action in Washington, D.C., on the impact of advocacy journalism. Fingerhut was also a guest speaker at the convention of the British Columbia Government Employees Union, the largest union in the province of British Columbia. In addition, he spoke at a meeting of "Democrats 2000," a national network of elected officials.

Alison A. Gauch, assistant dean of admissions and financial aid, has been named president of the Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (VACRAO). As president-elect last year, she chaired the annual VACRAO conference held in Roanoke, Va. In addition, Ms. Gauch continues to serve Virginia as the co-chair of the State Committee on Transfer.

Margaret A. Klayton, associate professor of business administration, spoke at the Virginia Society of CPAs Technology Conference on "Telecommuting — the Competitive Edge," in Williamsburg, Va. Dr. Klayton also organized and moderated a panel of experts on telecommuting and human resource issues at the 4th Annual International Telework Association Conference in Crystal City, Va. In addition, she spoke on the topic of managing remote work at workshops in Vienna, Va., and Bethesda, Md., for Intel, a leading computer hardware and software company.

Richard J. Krickus, professor of political science at MWC, for the past year and a half, has written a series of columns for the largest newspaper in Lithuania, *Lietuvos Rytas*. Most, but not all of the pieces deal with foreign affairs. Titles include: "Two Cheers for Adam Smith," "President Adamkus' first Foreign Mission: Addressing The U.S. Senate," and "The Case For Lithuanian Membership in NATO."

Lynn O. Lewis, associate professor of biology, was elected to the Board of Directors of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Sigma Xi, founded in 1886, is the international honor society for scientists and engineers. Dr. Lewis also was elected treasurer of the Virginia Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

David J. Long, professor of music, is the composer of a piece that premiered in November at the Opus Concert Series 1997-98 in North Carolina. The piece, "Concerto for Marimba and Wind Ensemble," performed by the Greensboro Concert Band, was commissioned by a consortium that includes U.N.C. Greensboro, the Greensboro Concert Band, and Enloe High School Band in Raleigh, N.C. In addition to the concerto, several other of Dr. Long's compositions have been published recently by C. Alan Publications. They include "3 Scenes," "Homage to Normandy" and "Scenes of the Rappahannock."

Patricia Lacey Metzger, professor of business administration, authored the chapter "How Adult Learners Directed 'An Almost Perfect Course' in How to Manage Not-for-Profit Organizations," in *Developing Paradigms for Self-Directed Learning*, published by the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Metzger also presented the papers "Leaders Emerge from Self-Directed Learning in the Classroom" at the 12th International Self-Directed Learning Symposium and "Comparing the Influence of Gender and Academic Interest on the Ethical Perceptions of Business

and Sociology Students" at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences National Meeting. Dr. Metzger chaired the session, "Gender Issues in Accounting Education," at the same conference. She presented a paper, "A Model for Educational Leadership in a Global Community," at the Society of Educators and Scholars Annual Conference.

Bruce R. O'Brien, associate professor of history, recently completed two years of research on the origins of the common law. The project was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Philosophical Society. During the 1995-96 academic year, he was a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School, and during the 1996-97 year, he was a member of the Institute of Historical Research at the University of London. As a result of his research, several publications are forthcoming. This year his book, *God's Peace and King's Peace*, about the effects of conquest and colonization on English law in the 12th century, will be published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. An article, "The Becket Conflict and the Invention of the Myth of Lex non scripta," will be included in the book, *English Legal Treatises, 1000-1800: Reassessments and Reappraisals*, to be published by Hambledon Press. Dr. O'Brien has delivered several talks related to his research, including speeches at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association held in New York City and to the annual meeting of the Haskins Society in Houston. He also made presentations at Harvard, Cambridge and Oxford universities.

John H. Reynolds, professor of computer science, presented "Solving the Cigarette Smokers Problem Using Uniprocessor Concurrency and True Parallelism" at the Thirteenth Annual Eastern Small College Computing Conference held at Richard Stockton College in Pomona, N.J. In addition, his paper was published in *The Journal of Computing in Small Colleges*.

Douglas W. Sanford, assistant professor of historic preservation, delivered the paper, "Landscape, Change, and Community at Stratford Hall Plantation: An Archaeological and Cultural Perspective," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Atlanta, Ga. His paper relates to MWC's Historic Preservation Summer Field School in Archaeology at Stratford, which is held in conjunction with the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association.

Roy H. Smith, professor of psychology, has been elected a director of the Virginia Psychological Foundation. The foundation works to support the study and practice of psychology in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, Dr. Smith joined clinical psychologists from across the state in a symposium on "Dual Relationships: Psychologists in Crisis" at a meeting of the Virginia Psychological Association. Smith and co-author William J. Kemp, professor of English, linguistics, and speech, have written a chapter titled, "Signals, Signs and Words: From Animal Communication to Language," for the sixth edition of *Language: Readings in Language and Culture*, to be published this year.

Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for admissions and financial aid, served on a special task force to develop standards for admission practices for international students for the National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

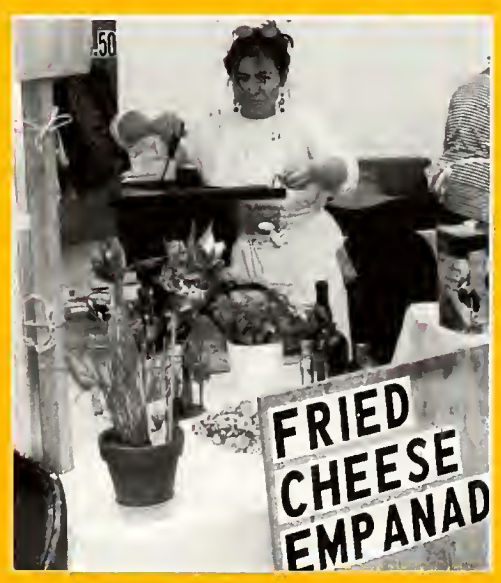
NPR's "With Good Reason"

Mary Washington College faculty members have been featured on the weekly radio program, "With Good Reason," which airs on National Public Radio stations throughout Virginia and the District of Columbia. It is sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia and a consortium of state colleges and universities, including Mary Washington College.

- Victor A. Fingerhut, associate professor of political science, spoke about labor unions in the 1990s.
- A program featuring Christopher Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology, was aired for a second time. The topic was the role of gender in gift-giving.
- John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science, and David Newsom, professor of international relations at the University of Virginia, discussed American defense and foreign policy issues in a post cold war world.
- John N. Pearce, senior lecturer in historic preservation, was interviewed on the presidency of James Monroe.
- Mary W. Pinschmidt, professor of biology, discussed the status of American scientific literacy and how that plays out in contemporary political debates.
- Marie P. Sheckels, associate professor of mathematics, discussed gender bias in mathematics and science instruction.

8th Annual Multicultural Fair

Crowds of people shopped on Campus Walk, enjoyed music and dancing in front of Lee Hall, and treated themselves to diverse and delectable food in Ball Circle. With "Embrace the Wonders of Cultural Diversity" as its theme, the fair featured the Elegbra Folklore Society (a West African dance company), the Tai Yim Kung Fu Lion Dancers, and numerous other performers. Add imaginative children's activities to all the rest, and it's easy to understand why this fair is one of the most popular community events of the year at MWC.



Juan Williams

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

November

The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance presented "Inspecting Carol," by Daniel Sullivan and The Seattle Repertory Co....The Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble Concert featured musical selections "In the Mood," "Blues for the Windy City" and "Whole Lot of Shaking Going On"...An art slide-lecture, "Memory Vision," by Lester Van Winkle, sculptor and professor of art at Virginia Commonwealth University, was held in Chandler Hall...The Fredericksburg Singers presented "Performance of the Requiem," which included sections from the "Latin Requiem Mass" in addition to African-American spirituals and other religious music...The combined choral ensembles of Mary Washington College presented "A Holiday Concert" ...The third program in a series of forums dealing with issues surrounding the gay, lesbian and bisexual community was held in Lee Hall.

December

The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra presented its annual "Pops" concert...The Center for Graduate and Continuing Education at Mary Washington College announced a new program leading to a certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL).

January

The Mary Washington College Galleries hosted a retrospective exhibition of sculpture by Paul C. Muick, professor of art and art history at the College... Juan Williams, journalist and acclaimed author of *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965*, was the keynote speaker for the College's Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance. Other lectures and dialogues were held throughout the day...The Business Administration Department of Mary Washington College offered a free, two-day training session for tax preparers who volunteer their services to help low-income and elderly residents with their tax returns...Pisit Charoenwongsa, the president of both the Archaeological Society of Thailand and the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, lectured on "Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management of Thailand."

February

"The Discovery of the Self in Antiquity," a lecture by Dr. Lloyd Gerson, professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto, was presented in Trinkle Hall...Lectures by renowned speakers, concerts, plays and a variety of other programs were featured at Mary Washington College during Black History Month. Dr. Leon Bass lectured on "Racism and Anti-Semitism from the Perspective of an African American"...Mary Washington College hosted the third annual Mid-Atlantic Across the Curriculum Conference with the theme, "Integrating Activism, Scholarship and Pedagogy in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Studies."

March

Mary Washington College celebrated Women's History Month with a wide array of guest speakers, special lectures, performances and films pertaining to women's issues and history. The celebration began with the lecture, "Sex Works, Sex Wars," by Dr. Wendy Chapkis of the Department of Sociology at the University of Southern Maine. Other speakers and events of the month were varied. "Succeeding in the Corporate World: A Panel of Women Executives" was presented; Katha Pollitt, author of *Reasonable Creatures* and columnist for *The Nation* spoke; Jamaican-American author Michelle Cliff lectured on "Caliban's Daughter, or Into the Interior"; "An Evening with Madame F," a performance about the struggles of Holocaust concentration camp inmates, was presented by Claudia Stevens; Leisa Meyers, assistant professor of history at the College of William and Mary, talked about "Contesting G.I. Jane: Historicizing the Challenge of a Gender-Integrated Military"; MWC senior Inger P. Brinck spoke about "Feminism and Women Survivors in Post-War Bosnia"; Dr. Ranjini Thaver of the Department of Economics at Stetson University, discussed "Race and Gender Issues: Manifestations of a More Fundamental Problem?"; "A Celebration of Women's Artistry," a variety show sponsored by the MWC chapter of the National Organization for Women, was given in The Underground of Lee Hall; Obie award-winning playwright and performance artist Eve Ensler presented "The Vagina Monologues"; other classroom lectures were offered by faculty and student organizations of the College...The works of four Mary Washington College senior student art majors were on display in the duPont Gallery in an exhibition titled "Infusion"...Art historian and scholar Janis A. Tomlinson presented a lecture titled "Los Caprichos in Context: The Work of Francisco Goya." The lecture coincided with an exhibition of 18th-century etchings by Spanish artists Francisco Goya on display in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery...Four musicians and the conductor of the Filharmonie Hradec Kralove from the Czech Republic performed in Dodd Auditorium, providing a unique opportunity for audiences to hear pieces of music featuring the tuba and trumpet. The group also participated in the Visiting Artists in Music program, and presented a chamber music recital along with students, faculty and MWC alumni. As part of the exchange program of visiting artists, Dr. James E. Baker, distinguished professor of music at Mary Washington College, traveled to the Czech Republic in January. During his visit, Dr. Baker delivered lectures and served as the guest conductor of the Ostrava University String Orchestra.

Claudia Stevens

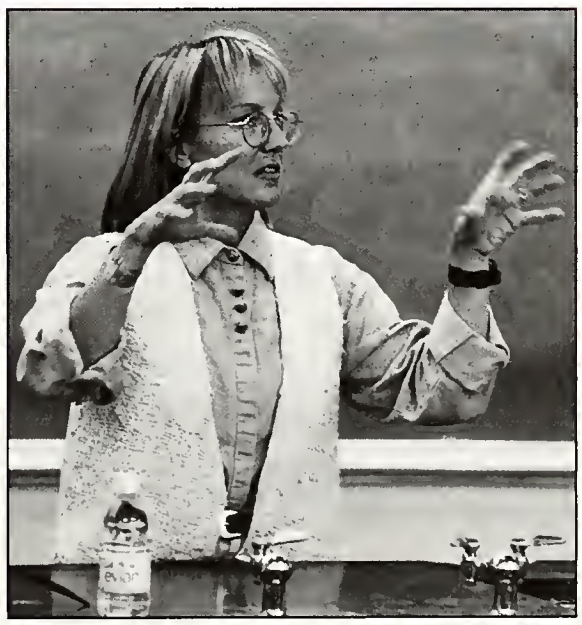
Alumni News

Distinguished Graduate: LYNDA RICHARDSON '81

BY CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

The new Graduate in Residence program replaces the Alumni Association's Distinguished Visitor in Residence program, which for more than 20 years brought renowned speakers to the campus. With the advent of new opportunities such as the Fredericksburg Forum, the Alumni Association re-examined the DVIR program and decided to adjust it to focus on MWC alumni. Thanks to Lynda Richardson's international reputation, boundless energy, and enthusiasm for MWC and its students, the new program is off to an excellent and exciting start.

The Alumni Association's first Distinguished Graduate in Residence, wildlife photographer Lynda Richardson '81, returned to MWC in late February for what turned out to be an enormously successful visit. She arrived late in the afternoon on a Monday, and after a hasty dinner, spent nearly two hours with a photography class, explaining her work and her profession. The next morning found her discussing environmental issues with an Environmental Mathematics class, describing life in a rainforest to the Geography Department's Human Environment class, having lunch with science and math students, and talking about endangered species with an introductory environmental science class.



Lynda returned to campus and the classroom — to teach today's MWC students.

After a short break and dinner, Ms. Richardson presented a multimedia program, "On Assignment in Africa," to a large crowd in Dodd Auditorium. At the conclusion, she was surrounded by admiring students and local residents, and finally left the auditorium well after 10 p.m.

Wednesday's classes began with a discussion of photojournalism in a Newsgathering class, followed by a women's issues class in which Ms. Richardson described her work in a traditionally male field. She met with students from these classes for lunch and then with students in an environmental science seminar.

Responses from students and faculty alike were enthusiastic. *The Bullet*, MWC's student newspaper, gave her a "thumbs up," saying that her presentations on wildlife photography were "fascinating."

Richardson encouraged students with this summary of her work: "Your camera is your ticket to the world. I know I've met the coolest people!"

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is MWC's director of alumni programs.

Tips From A Pro

After Steve Watkins brought one last chair into his Newsgathering classroom, a hush fell over the room. This was odd as the room was window-to-door packed with students, MWC faculty and staff members and Fredericksburg townspeople.

They came to hear another grad made good, Lynda Richardson '81, who amazed and amused listeners with her photos and exploits with bees, piranhas, and mercenaries in the wilds of Nicaragua. Later she generously gave the group some tips on photography.

- Research, research, research.
- Storyboard your ideas before taking a shot so you know what your photostory is about.
- Take several rolls to make sure you got the photo you need.
- Take the obligatory posed shots, then get creative to get your best ones.
- Note every aperture change.
- Get closer, get closer, get closer.
- Get permission.

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

The DGIR program is off to a sensational start. The Alumni Association's long-awaited Distinguished Graduate in Residence program was inaugurated on February 24 and 25. Our first honoree was Lynda Richardson '81, internationally renowned wildlife photographer and past recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award (see Fall 1997 issue of *MWC Today* for feature story and look elsewhere in this issue for details of her visit.) We will seek the active involvement of the faculty and all academic departments as we make plans for future programs.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors met with the MWC Foundation Board of Directors in December. The featured guest speaker was Janice Sullivan (daughter of MWC alumna Mildred Dixon Sullivan '46), whose subject was the concept of social capital. Her presentation was followed by an elegant dinner in the Lee Hall Ballroom and the holiday "Pops" concert.

Prior to the joint meeting, the alumni board finalized the eligibility criteria for recipients of our full-ride, merit scholarship and gave it a formal name. After much thoughtful discussion, we voted to name it the "Washington Scholarship." Our long-range goal is to have the scholarship blossom into the "Washington Scholars," — offering as many as 12 full four-year scholarships. It is an ambitious program — one never before established at Mary Washington. It is with great pride that the alumni board has taken the leadership role in this effort by donating $50,000 of seed money. Our further commitment to the Washington Scholarship program is demonstrated by our challenge to match gifts given by the silver anniversary reunion classes over the next several years until we reach full funding.

Also at our December board meeting, we accepted the final draft of our strategic plan. The plan articulates priorities for alumni programming for the next few years and incorporates recommendations gleaned from the surveys conducted by the College Image and Stafford Name Committee. One such recommendation was to consider an alumni travel program, which has the potential to elicit widespread interest.

The Alumni Relations office has recently hired a new assistant director, Jennifer Wilson '97. Since joining the alumni staff in January, Jennifer has been busy planning chapter events and recent graduate programs as well as coordinating the activities of the MWC Ambassadors, the student volunteer organization. The energetic Ambassadors serve the College and the Alumni Association in many ways — attending chapter events, ushering at major events such as the Fredericksburg Forum and College-Community Orchestra concerts, delivering holiday treats and exam survival kits to residential students, and volunteering as phonathon callers. This fall at Family Weekend, the Ambassadors will participate in the presentation of a new award, to a deserving sophomore who demonstrated exceptional service to the College during his or her freshman year.

Reunion Weekend '98 will have taken place by the time you read this. Each spring, Reunion Weekend is observed the weekend following the Memorial Day holiday. Make plans with your college pals and return to campus to see what has changed (and what hasn't) since you graduated. You'll enjoy it.

Once again, we solicit your nominations for alumni board, Board of Visitors, alumni awards, and Distinguished Graduate in Residence. We want to hear from you.

This is my final message as Alumni Association president, as my term expires June 30. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve. I especially want to thank Cindy Snyder and the wonderful Trench Hill staff who have been so helpful and supportive. Many thanks also to the outgoing alumni board members, and best wishes to the incoming board. Many exciting and challenging opportunities lie ahead for both the College and the Alumni Association. Let's all give our support!

Terrie Young Crawley '77
President, MWC Alumni Association

CREATE LIVING LEGACIES

In response to the alumni board's challenge gift of $50,000 to establish a full-ride, merit-based scholarship, a number of alumni and friends of the College have donated tens of thousands of dollars in stock. These contributions will establish or augment scholarship endowments to support talented students who have financial need.

If you've thought about establishing a scholarship at MWC, but you weren't sure how to accomplish this goal, please give us a call. You can join the growing number of dedicated alumni and friends who are creating living legacies at Mary Washington.

Valerie Schultheiss Kuramoto, director of planned giving, will be pleased to discuss various gift options, including outright gifts of cash, securities or appreciated property, or a planned gift that will provide you and a loved one with a lifetime income, and then provide support for future MWC students.

You can reach Valerie at:

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Alumni Board Endows the Washington Scholarship

BY KAREN DUBS

Under the leadership of Alumni President Terrie Crawley, the Mary Washington College Alumni Association Board has established the College's first full-ride (covers in-state tuition, room and board) merit scholarship fund. This is exciting news for both the College and its students.

The College competes for students with some of the most prestigious schools in the country, many of which employ well-established merit-scholarship programs. If Mary Washington is to continue to attract the best and brightest students, it, too, must offer competitive scholarships.

Hoping to attract even more of the brightest students to MWC, alumni board members, BOV members, and MWC staff discuss plans. Top photo: computer-wise students of today in Simpson Library. Middle photo: BOV member Jean Polk Hanky. Bottom photo: Valerie S. Kuramoto, director of planned giving; Terrie Young Crawley, Alumni Association president, and Martha Kimball Hearn, BOV member.

"Full-ride, merit scholarships are essential," says Crawley. "We currently are not able to matriculate all the highly qualified students who are accepted to the College. Having a merit-based program will give us the ability to enroll more of those very talented students."

Scott Lyons, vice president for advancement services, agrees that scholarships are more important than ever. "Over the past 12 years, the state's support of the College has dropped from more than half of its operating budget to less than a quarter, putting increasing financial pressure on the families of students. In just five years, the average student loan debt of graduating seniors has increased by almost 80 percent."

Joining forces to respond to these important challenges, the College and the Alumni Association have designated 1997-98, "The Year of the Scholarship." Their goal is to create a merit scholarship modeled on the University of Virginia's Jefferson Scholars program, while simultaneously encouraging general scholarship support.

Last fall the board issued a $50,000 challenge to the alumni body, offering to match every qualifying gift with its own contribution to the Washington Scholarship, the College's first full-ride, merit award.

The challenge is meant to generate increased scholarship giving from Mary Washington graduates, while creating an endowed fund that will be a permanent source of support for future students. "As alumni, we must take a leadership role in raising scholarship support," explains Crawley. "We feel a long-term commitment to the College and to this scholarship program — to see that it is fully funded."

The Alumni Scholarship Challenge has been so well received that sufficient gifts already have been collected to establish the Washington Scholarship endowment account. And with only a few weeks remaining in the Annual Fund year, the total $50,000 goal is clearly within reach.

Mary Washington is already recognized nationally for its superior curriculum. With the addition of the Washington Scholarship, the College will also become known as an institution that provides the kind of financial support that makes dreams come true. The unique combination of these two elements will make Mary Washington the first choice of increasing numbers of top students.

Karen Dubs is the director of marketing for college advancement at MWC.

Update

Alumni Around the Country

"Alive and Well and Writing in Paradise," an *MWC TODAY* article about writing workshop leader Nancy Slonim Aronie '63, prompted Leslie Wells '79, executive editor at Hyperion Press, to give Nancy a call. Leslie wanted to know if Nancy would be interested in writing a book based on her work as a founder of Chilmark Writer's Workshop. Nancy was, and did. Leslie acquired *Writing From the Heart*, which was published by Hyperion in March of this year.

Alumna Isolates Spanish Flu Gene

Dr. Amy E. Krafft '77, as one of five members of a research team at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), has made historic strides in the world of science by isolating Spanish Flu "virus" genetic material. The Spanish Flu killed at least 20 million people worldwide in 1918.

Experts had long-theorized that the virus was a dangerous swine flu; but it wasn't until Krafft's team at the renown scientific center performed genetic analysis on preserved tissue samples from victims of the flu, that the theory could be confirmed. It was Krafft's technique of isolating genes from preserved tissue that led to the breakthrough.

"The key factor to making this succeed," Krafft explains, "was to understand that viral RNA is fragmented into very small pieces during the preservation process."

Viruses have been around for centuries, and they change rapidly. To combat them, new vaccines must be made each year. But in 1918 influenzas had not yet been identified, and there were no vaccines. That spring, pig farmers — and pigs — in Iowa got sick simultaneously. By fall a new and deadly flu virus had taken hold. Scientists suspected that the flu transferred from birds to pigs, but couldn't prove it.

Victims typically died within a week, their lungs filled with fluid. Of the millions who died, 675,000 were Americans. The disease killed so many young people that the average life expectancy in America was reduced by more than 10 years. Some of the 43,000 U.S. servicemen who died were autopsied, and their preserved tissue samples sent to the Army Medical Museum, now the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Over the years experts looked at the preserved tissue samples trying to characterize the virus, but without success. Recent advances in genetic coding, however, led them to try again.

After developing the diagnostic procedure to isolate RNA from preserved tissue, Krafft tested her formula on matter from decaying Gulf of Mexico dolphins. Using the same process, she isolated genes of the Spanish influenza virus found in a 21-year-old private's tissue samples stored at the AFIP's National Tissue Repository.

Comparing the findings with results from other flu strains, the team proved, at last, the long-held theory — that the Spanish Flu did advance from birds, to pigs, to humans. This was the first evidence that the 1918 flu was swine-like and a novel influenza virus.

Before this discovery, scientists believed that because genetic material is so fragile, isolation from badly decomposed tissues was impossible. Continued studies hope to provide more information on the flu's complete genetic code. Understanding the flu's genetic properties will help combat future epidemics and possibly prevent catastrophic loss of life.

Much information for this article came from "AFIP Scientists Discover Clues to 1918 Spanish Flu," by Chris Kelly of the AFIP Public Affairs Office.

Dr. and Mrs. John Harding

Profile of a Scholarship Donor

John H. Harding Jr., D.D.S.

In 1991 Dr. and Mrs. John Harding and Marian Carey Harding '47, John's sister, established an endowed scholarship fund to support students from the city of Richmond and Lancaster, Northumberland and Westmoreland counties. Miss Harding's desire to assist students who would follow in her footsteps appears obvious; but one might ask what motivated her brother and his wife to make this major commitment of personal resources.

Like many non-alumni donors to scholarship funds, Dr. Harding has numerous ties to MWC. In addition to his sister, Dr. Harding's mother, Florence Elizabeth Jett Carey Harding '18, and his daughter, Elizabeth, attended Mary Washington. Family lore tells him that his grandmother, Judith Straughan Harding, took a summer course around 1912. Harding traditions also say he can claim legitimately to be a distant cousin to Mary Ball Washington.

But his desire to memorialize his mother provided his primary motivation. In her day she journeyed to campus by taking a steamboat from Reedville to Baltimore, where she then boarded a train to Fredericksburg. According to Dr. Harding, "My mother's days at Mary Washington were the happiest days of her life." Today the Florence Elizabeth Jett Carey Harding '18 Memorial Scholarship Fund stands at more than $18,000; and Dr. and Mrs. Harding have committed themselves to making substantial annual contributions that will eventually raise the fund's balance above $100,000.

A man of many interests, Dr. Harding recently retired from a 31-year dental career to devote his attention to raising cattle and timber. His latest accomplishment is a novel, *Shortchanged*, which was inspired by the life of a childhood friend who grew up during the Great Depression and later served his country in the Korean War. Dr. Harding's publisher has offered to donate to the Harding scholarship 30 percent of all sales to MWC alumni and friends. Anyone who would like to invest $13.95 in reading enjoyment and scholarship support should contact Brandylane Publishers, P.O. Box 261, White Stone, VA 22578, (800) 553-6922, and identify themselves as MWC alumni.

Class Notes

Devil Notes

GOLDEN SOCIETY

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From Isebelle:

Greetings! Thanks for the beautiful cards and interesting notes. Please remember that you can get the address and phone number of an old classmate from MWC or me. Get in touch with a friend today.

Virginia Sale Broaddus writes that she lost her husband in April 1997 after a long illness. They had been married 60 years. The joy of her life now is her three great-grandchildren.

Mary Tarpley spent a busy year with three trips. She was expecting to spend Christmas in the Danville area.

Martha Moore Edwards had a minor stroke in August, but said she is OK now. **Josephine Matz Wells** has had some health problems that will require spinal surgery to correct. At the present time she is putting off the operation. We wish her the best.

Alice May Brown Walden always sends a long typed letter telling of many happy experiences during the year. This is her 10th year in a retirement home in Greenville, S.C.

Condolences to **Alma "Murk" Murchison**, who lost her only sister in October. Wish I could run by for a visit and maybe cheer her up a little.

Ava Smith had a terrible fall near her home in Appalachia and has been in a health care center in Johnson City, N.C., most of last year. She has made a remarkable recovery.

Had a chat with **Anne Bryant Arritt**, who is still in her home and gets out when someone takes her. I called **Dot Tucker Marks** in Alta Vista. She couldn't write cards this year as she had fallen and hurt her right arm.

1997 was not a good year for **Julia Lee Boston Bartha**. She had cardiac surgery the first of the year and recovered nicely. Then in August she fell and broke her hip and had to spend eight weeks in a rest home. She and her husband enjoyed Christmas at home.

Joan Brickhouse Beall had a miserable cold, but we enjoyed our phone visit. **Ethel Turner Horner** never got around to sending cards, but we found much to talk about. In fact, she called me later with more news. Ethel had heard from **Marie Finney Pennewell**, who lives in Manteo, N.C. Ethel also told me about the death of **Nancy Tyler Meade**.

Nova Harris Stultz wrote telling of her move to a retirement community.

George and I received birthday cards in November from **Lois Cornwell Draper**. We always enjoy any contact with Lois.

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Alice Rife Wilson writes that she and Jack are great-grandparents. They visit as often as they can from their home base in Newport News. Alice and **Mary Jack** (old roommates) had a visit in October. Both are doing well, health-wise.

Not to be upstaged, Mary Jack's daughter produced twins in Paris, where husband Chuck is stationed. They returned for Christmas, and there were several reunions before returning to home-base in Florida.

Jessie Crockett Hopkins writes that arthritis is bothering her some, but she keeps active. From her account, she has produced an athletic family. One grandson plays football for U.Va., and several in high school are well on their way. Jessie always includes a rhyming poem which I enjoy but which are too lengthy to print.

Mary T. Kettenbeck Gademan spent Christmas in Georgia with Paulanne's family where she, too, supervised her 4-year-old great-grandson — makes me feel like a back number, but at this stage of the game I doubt it would be wise for my oldest grandsons to get into production.

Skip and George **Goodwin** stay active playing golf and bridge. Their four grandchildren range in age from 20 to 5. George goes back to W&L at least six times a year. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters last June. They entertain friends from England and enjoy showing them the pleasures of the U.S.A. with trips to the far West. Their only granddaughter is a freshman at Stanford.

"Thornie" Crockett Lively had a lovely 80th birthday party and enjoyed having the family rally round. She, too, has great grandchildren. She pulled through some health problems and is back in circulation.

"Zonie" Compton Kaylor has also migrated to Florida and sends greetings to all.

As for me, I am still holding on to the homeplace, cutting the grass, gardening, writing some, and enjoying my neighborhood, where I am now categorized as Elk Ridge's historian. I was glad to surrender the presidency of our historical society to a member of the Baby Boom generation. For my 80th, the family gave me a lovely party at a local restaurant. All were there — four children and their spouses, seven grandchildren. It was a decade party: Grandma at 80, Jinny 50, Scott 20, and Laura and Stephen 10. I could not help musing about what their 80ths would be like.

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Greetings, and my genuine thanks to all who responded to my letter appealing for news. Your notes and letters are always very special to me.

By the time you read this report, it will be less than a year before the 60th anniversary of our graduation. Imagine that! I hope you will plan now to return to the campus, the first weekend in June, to reunion with classmates and other alumni. Watch your mail for further information.

A letter from **Ruby Goffigon Ricks** '80 about her mother, **Jewel Hallett Goffigon,** barely missed the deadline of my last report. Her beautiful tribute to her mother recalled highlights of Jewel's 17-year teaching career. A similar letter came from Whitman, **Madora Forbush Brown**'s son, telling me of her death in November 1997. His letter recounted Madora's difficulties with diabetes, pneumonia and congestive heart failure. Additionally, he said her fondest memories were of Fredericksburg. We have fond memories of Jewel and Madora.

In October **Virginia Henderson McCann** '42 had a most pleasant day with **Helen Downer Hale**. "We met in Gordonsville for lunch and then reminisced all afternoon. It was a fun day we hope to repeat soon."

Christmas brought cards from **Bernice "Whip" Whipple Crone**, **Helen Fulmer Holloman**, **Virginia Cooley Stoner**, **Elizabeth Wilson** and **Irene Lundy Brown** and letters from **Marion Timberlake Yobs**, **Miriam Boyer Parsons** and **Margaret Clark Tiffany**.

Whip lives in Florida on a street named Butterfield. It could, as well, be called Butterfly, for all the activities available — golf, bridge, shuffle board, ceramics, tennis, walking and bicycle riding. Her participation has been limited following her husband's by-pass surgery and slow recovery, but now that he's better, she hopes to do it all.

Helen's card failed to mention her activities, but I assume from earlier communications that she's been playing bridge. Virginia's oldest granddaughter was married last summer; another will graduate from The College of William and Mary soon. I am reminded how far behind I am — my grandchildren are younger than many of your great-grandchildren; however, I do enjoy them.

Virginia heard from **Coda Kinchloe**, who was a year ahead of us at MWC. They plan to get together soon.

Elizabeth's days are full of the usual activities. She and her housemates were afraid they would have to move this year. However, the residents banded together in protest, achieving their desires. The seniors have more clout than we acknowledge.

Marion is busy! She organizes tours for seniors — some from retirement homes, others who would not get out of town if someone did not take them. Also, she is involved with family, church and community activities.

Miriam is still playing golf once a week in spite of two hospital visits, cataract surgery and

physical therapy three times a week. Her husband, George, says they continue to spend their children's inheritance on frequent trips to restaurants.

Margaret "Grundy" Clark Tiffany has been living in Woodside, Calif., for 35 years. Her three children are either lawyers or married to a lawyer; two of her grandchildren are grown and two are in grade school. She had recently toured the *USS Potomac* (FDR's floating White House), which she first visited while she was at MWC.

To close, I shall borrow from Marion Timberlake Yob's closing paragraph. All alumni of MWC should be proud when they see or hear about MWC's ratings by the news media and other organizations. We can help maintain this top-of-the-list achievement by continuing to support our alma mater.

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Greetings!

Margie Gilman Price recalls looking for a Y or N when cutting off the end of a banana. Can any of you remember doing this when we lived in Frances Willard? The Y stood for "yes" and the N for "no." She has five children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom keep her busy baby-sitting and chauffeuring.

Rhea James Dodge writes that she sees **Helen Buron Vincent** and **Betsy Ann McMath** every week. She is well and very happy in her new village.

Life with **Lenore Magill Grimwood** is a life which takes my breath away. After taking Russian lessons last spring, she traveled to Russia, Latvia, Estonia and Finland, spending a week in Poland at the end of that trip. Later she went to Guatemala, and in the fall, to Virginia. She hopes you will visit her if you ever go to Arizona. She lives west of Phoenix in Sun City West.

I talked with **Marguerite Jennings Helbush**, who had just had an operation on her nose and wondered why they had to use black thread to stitch up the opening. Removal of the gall bladder is next, but she goes on with great humor and zest. She had a marvelous birthday party attended by 107 people from all around — family, classmates and friends. She says her good hand is wearing out and hopes phone conversations will come from you.

Eleanor Batschelet Smith and Benny went to Florida to visit daughter Barbara and family. It's the first trip they have had in a long time due to husband Benny's illness. She is the greatest "sister" I could have. We talk weekly, sharing all our ups and downs.

I am busy in Friend's Village helping some who need it, tutoring second-grade geniuses (they know more than I sometimes!), reading, walking and generally making a nuisance of myself.

Do write!

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Lucy Anderson Bannister and husband Bob enjoy Elderhosteling. **Irene Albro Bates** is kept busy as president of the American Society of University Women; she is also an avid golfer. **Mary Baxter Cummings** and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 1997.

Enjoying retirement are **Betty Bane Tate**, Marion, Va.; **Margaret Bliven Scott**, Florida; and **Martha Anne Bradley Guerrant**, Williamsburg, Va. **Jean Boyce Carleton** and her husband divide their time between Florida and Maine; they have two children and three grandchildren. Jean also plays golf and tennis. **Anna Brauer Oxenham** and husband Thomas have kept busy with five children and 11 grandchildren. **Gloria Burns Sasek** and husband Lawrence teach at LSU. She has kept very busy in academics with many rewards of recognition.

Marion Butler Conrad and husband Robert, a free-lance columnist, have three sons and seven grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and have visited many foreign countries. **Bette Caum Royal** and husband Douglas have two daughters and three grandchildren. Her credentials in the field of dietetics are very impressive. **Jane Cleeland Willis** has been very active in the business administration field. She and husband Stanford have two sons and five grandchildren.

Dorothy Conway Massie has used her English degree in the field of creative writing. She and her husband, David (deceased), have three sons and two granddaughters. **Barbara Curtice Noll** has been in real estate since 1976. She and husband Dick have seven children.

Harriet Davis Lathroum and husband Leo are both retired and have three children. She and **Dorothy Lane Atwater**, **Rita Gardiner** and **Barbara Keller O'Brien** get together yearly for a week. **Valencia Sunday Hoover** '48 joins them. **Betty Drewry Bamman** retired from Norfolk County Schools after 31 years. She and husband August have three sons. Betty is active in her church and is into water aerobics.

Margaret Drummond Foley and husband Malcolm are retired; they have two children and enjoy bridge and golf. **Anne Eley Everett Mish** and husband Robert (deceased) have two sons. Anne is retired but very busy breeding and raising thoroughbred horses. **Helena Feaster Amunds** and husband Donald, retired Air Force, live in Florida; they have five daughters and two sons.

Anne Fulcher Follin attended husband Jack's 50th at Yale. They have three children. Anne stays in touch with **Julia Dooley Overstreet**, **Lucy Anderson Bannister**, **Mary Garland** and **Arlene Goosby**.

Virginia Gutrell Williams and husband George are retired; they have one son, and Virginia enjoys traveling, cooking, bridge, mahjong, reading and volunteer library work. **Jossie Garnett Catron** lives in Seattle, Wash. She has three children and enjoys golf, traveling and RVing. **Maxine Gold Aarons** and husband LeRoy are retired; they have two sons and live in Falls Church, Va. **Louise Hair Davies** and husband Ivor have one son and two grandchildren. She is very active in the Stephen Ministry and other aspects of her church. **Barbara Hickman Morrow** and husband Richard (deceased) have two daughters; she lives in Palm Desert, Calif. She attends many theatricals, mainly musicals, collects Phantom items and loves cruises.

After graduating from MWC with a B.S., **Mary L. Hines** received her M.R.E. from Southwestern Theological Seminary. She is now retired and enjoys Elderhostels, birdwatching, teaching ESL and traveling. **Eleanor "Ellie" Hunter Adams** and husband Jerry (deceased) have three children. Ellie is a deacon in her church. She visits her children in Denmark and Hawaii.

Lois Hurt Jewett and husband David live in Midlothian, Va., and have two children. **Elizabeth B. Krebbs** attended Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore after graduation from MWC. She lives in Clearwater, Fla. **Barbara Lambert Sipe** and retired husband Clyde live in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Barbara enjoys playing the piano, oil painting and photography. **Anne Lawson Hoover** lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. After her husband, William, died in 1994, she became active in Habitat for Humanity and is now a member of the board of directors. She has a son and a daughter.

Christine M. Trevvett attended Columbia International Union College, where she received an M.A. in biblical education. After 27 years as a missionary in South Africa, she returned to Richmond and retired as director of childrens ministries at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Marylouise D. Meder has a long list of academic credits and many awards. Presently she is professor emeritus at Emporia State U. in Kansas. She has traveled all over the world. **Ruth Meyer Butler** retired after teaching 35 years and lives in Texas. She and husband Janus have a son and a grandson. They enjoy traveling, especially visiting relatives in Scotland.

Amy Lee Miller Wilson and husband Joseph are enjoying retirement. They have three children, and she keeps busy with crafts and reading. **Jocelyn Packard Brown** is happily married to husband Richard and has three children and five grandchildren. They live in Souderton, Pa., are active in church, and are "old movie" addicts.

Betty Jo Patteson Jackson and husband William live in Cedar Bluff, Va., and have four children and eight grandchildren. After retirement they did extensive world traveling. She keeps busy with knitting, reading, garden club and church work. **Phyllis Peery Riley** has received many awards for her artwork. She and husband Rupert live in Oak Island, N.C.; they have two children and four grandsons. Phyllis manages a co-op gallery in Southport, N.C., with 125 artists.

Stella Phipps Todd and husband Jim, who live in Independence, Va., are retired and have three sons and two grandsons. **Rachael Plante** lives in Manchester, N.H. She is an avid golfer, having won the New Hampshire amateur championship in 1961, 1962 and 1963, and in 1990 was elected to the Manchester Hall of Fame. **Louise Pope Buxton** and husband Dr. Samuel E. Buxton (deceased) have three children and four grandchildren. She is active in church and also paints.

Julia Rayment lives in New York City and is enjoying retirement from Reference Book Publishing. **Eloise Roberts Vass** and husband Frank celebrated their golden anniversary in July 1997. They have three children and six grandchildren; they enjoy gardening and travel; and Eloise is very active in her community and church.

Kathryn Ryan and husband Robert live in Ocala, Fla., and have five children. **Carolyn Shankweiler Hacker** and husband Joseph, also golfers, have four children and live in Macungie, Pa. **Gloria Sobin Mancini** is a retired reading consultant director of federal programs. After MWC she received her M.A. from Yale in 1952. She has one son and enjoys golf, gardening and

reading, as well as many community organizations in Derby, Conn.

Jane Tiller Kibler retired after 25 years of teaching Spanish. She and husband Thomas have three children and 13 grandchildren. **Rose Trible Mowbray** and husband John live in Danville, Va., and divide their time between there and Smith Mountain Lake. **Sue Womer Almond** and husband Charles (deceased) have two children. Sue enjoys good health, golf, bridge and church work. **Helen Young Evans** retired after teaching for 37 years. She and husband Paul, retired from NASA, have two children. She enjoys traveling and handicrafts of every kind. **Mildred May Jett-Celli** has been a professional insurance agent for 36 years and is now semi-retired. She has received many awards for various accomplishments and keeps busy with golf, bridge, church, working with the handicapped and the chamber of commerce.

I will be waiting to hear from each and every one of you.

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The sad news of the loss of another dear classmate, **Leona Hall Howard**, came after our last writing. Recently moved to Gainesville, Fla., Leona had been a dietitian at Mercy Hospital in Miami all these years. She and her retired physician husband, Pete, reared five children: two sons are doctors, one is a lawyer, one an airline pilot and the one daughter is a homemaker and mother. Pete has had Parkinson's for many years and now requires full-time nursing care. On behalf of the class, our note of sympathy was acknowledged by their daughter Gretchen, after her return from her mother's services in North Carolina. Gretchen graciously wrote, "...cards and prayers truly softened the blow of Mom's sudden death. They speak volumes about the classmates she made into friendships at MWC."

In writing of Leona's passing, **Mary Elwang Sharpley** noted that she, Leona, and **Jeanne Farrington Leslie** began as roommates and freshmen in Cornell Hall. They maintained their lifelong friendship and usually visited together at least once a year, the last happy occasion being at Mary's Locust Grove home in 1996, of which we wrote. Leona will be missed and remembered by all who knew her.

Kate Mayo Schmidt belatedly responded to our plea for news from Houston, saying she and Bill had spent some time last spring with their son and his wife in Albuquerque, N.M., and an extended period at their farm, where Bill was rebuilding fences. Bill has become interested in repairing and restoring old clocks as a hobby, in addition to being a loyal, hard-working member of the Confederate Air Force. For those who may be unaware, these dedicated men personally preserve, restore and exhibit some of our fine old prop-driven aircraft from WWII and earlier.

The holidays brought welcome cards, especially from a few classmates who hadn't written of late. Everyone seems to have our Big Five-O in mind, anticipating our grand and glorious "Golden Oldies" status!

Joan Rekemeyer Kibbe wrote of having learned of **Dottie Desmond Helfrich**'s loss, which sent us to the phone. A call to Richmond confirmed that dear Dottie had, indeed, lost her husband, John, last November after a brief illness. Though Dottie was out at the time of our call, her mother kindly came to the phone to answer our query. Mrs. Desmond has lived with Dottie and John for some years and related what a loving son he'd been to her. A companion helps Dottie in caring for her mother's health problems. We have extended our heartfelt sympathy to Dottie and family on behalf of the class and hope she may be able to be with her many friends in reunion next year.

Mary Lou Vollmer Cloar said she and Clyde are definitely planning to be at our 50th Reunion, but wondered (as do we all), "How can we be that old?" **Betty Purnell Logan** said she was thinking of all our former classmates, and **Doris Norman Carter** sent her best to everyone.

Ann Michael Sturgeon wrote that she and Fish both are in good health and still enjoy their own private golf course and the winter snows which Elkton, Va., gets when most of the rest of us non-skiers are shivering by the fireside.

It was a real treat to hear from **Irene "Ronnie" Bornemann Groff** and husband, the Rev. Addison Groff, an Episcopal clergyman. Upon Addison's retirement, they moved from the "excitement of metropolitan New York to Houston, Delaware," which Ronnie says she spells "Dullaware." Their two sons still reside in New York, so they have good reason to go back often and to keep in touch with friends and church members there. Ronnie had two knee replacements, but said she's doing fine. Ronnie continues to do as much free-lance editorial work as she can and also keeps it all in the family, since son David is an editor, too, and son Jonathan is a head writer for the Conan O'Brien show. It must be in the genes. Jonathan married a wonderful girl from Little Rock, Ark., and since the wedding was in New Orleans, Ronnie and Addison had a great trip to Louisiana as well. Ronnie said every time her copy of *MWC TODAY* arrives, she gets out her yearbooks and gazes at us "the way we were," which helps her keep in touch. Neat idea, Ronnie.

Good news came from Bristol, as **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** reported all 17 of the Heltons are jes' doing fine and are such a blessing to her. The youngest is Sarah's 2-year-old grandson, whom she described as a "human bulldozer, but so sweet 'n' lovable, too."

Lucy Vance Gilmer decided that all her work for the 50th class reunion of her "other" alma mater, Sullins, paid off. While in Danville, Va., to attend the wedding of the son of one of her V.I.C.-daughters, Lucy had lunch with **Barbara Trimm Wright** in South Hill. Visiting with Barbara and her dear sisters in their home, Lucy said they had so much fun she didn't want to return to Danville for the wedding later that day.

Marion "Windy" Selfe Kelly and husband George left Bristol to spend three weeks in Canada while pursuing further French studies at the U. of Quebec in Trois Rivières. "We're on quite different levels," according to Windy, "George, in the advanced class, and I, in the debutante class." They hope to get to France this year to try their French on the "locals." She said the best event of last year was George's Big Birthday Brunch celebrated at Shelby Street Station, Bristol's grand old post office building, now on the National Register of Historic Places.

After Thanksgiving and an early Christmas with the family and Christmas at home with Windy's sister and her husband, Windy and George headed for an Elderhostel in New Orleans and a visit with friends in Florida.

Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook's family keep busy and do good work as usual. Kitten's widower, Roland, began a new volunteer venture at the Fan Free Clinic in Richmond working with HIV and AIDS patients. Diana, their oldest daughter, works on contract proposals and a Medicaid HMO disenrollment survey. Donna, daughter #2, was made VP of personnel at Goldberg Co. Dawn, whom we all recall from our 45th Reunion, performed her one-woman show, "Zelda, The Last Flapper" in Asheville, N.C., where Zelda died. Dawn then won a Phoebe (Richmond's "Tony") as best director for "The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (Abridged)." She and husband Ron worked together last summer at Mill Mountain Theater in Roanoke. Denise and husband Wayne enjoyed a cruise in the Caribbean last fall. And Roland said he "had the fulfillment of one of my life's dreams" when he went to Alaska last year.

Barbara Watson Barden and Bob spent Thanksgiving in San Diego, Calif., with their youngest son, Stuart, who is in graduate studies. Barbara said they biked and hiked in the desert, mountains, zoos and the Pacific Ocean (well, that's what she said). Christmas was spent with daughter Priscilla and family in Maryland and with their other two sons and families in New England. Barbara and Priscilla both are choreographing several shows this year. And Priscilla wrote, "I think I'm turning into my mother."

Tidings of great joy arrived from Toronto in the form of a wonderfully long letter from **Corrine "Connie" Conley Stuart**, with news of other dear classmates. Last September, Connie and Bonar, old roomie **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and Bill, **Betsy Thorne Bultman** and Phelps and **Primm Turner ffrench** and John had a glorious "suite" reunion.

Having been royally entertained by Betsy and Phelps at their home in Columbia, S.C., the Stuarts couldn't wait to see the Bultmans' summer home. It's an historic farmhouse built by Betsy's great-great-grandfather, who settled Chickville, N.H., in the 1700s. Connie wrote, "I don't suppose that old farmhouse was ever filled with such screams and laughter. It was like an MWC after-lights-out party for the entire time... except now we had *boys* and they had fun, too!" Betsy and Phelps showed pictures of Ireland where they had visited Primm and John.

John ffrench is a remarkable ceramicist/potter who has a studio in Galway Bay as well as at their Stockbridge, Mass., home. Connie took John photos of some pieces she'd bought in Toronto, in the '50s before she even knew him, with his distinctive "ffrench" signature. Connie and Bonar first met John in 1961 in London, where he was exhibiting his pottery. Rounding out the ffrench family, Primm and John have three daughters.

Norah's husband Bill, a retired physician in Atlanta, is a real theater buff. He had managed to capture on video tape what Connie deemed to be "some of my most embarrassing TV performances!" In December, he called to advise that he was there taping "Salt Water Moose" on Showtime, in which Connie insisted she'd co-starred with a moose. Bill and Nora have three sons... and a rare collection of Connie's award-winning work!

The Stuarts had scheduled a trip to Cuba in February, by-passing a visit to St. Louis where their son, Curtis, and his wife, Heidi, reported Connie's namesake granddaughter, Corinne Elsa, now attends kindergarten, and her baby brother, Francis, is in preschool.

Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood and Howard's annual greeting was another original, depicting each of their 11 purebred dogs and eight new puppies. Blackie keeps busy with her AKC delegate duties; their local kennel club; the League of Women Voters; and Read-Aloud Delaware, a marvelous program of reading to preschoolers, one-on-one.

Andi Dulany Lyons and Keith had a real treat during the holidays last year when making their "Christmas sweep" to the various Virginia

homes of the children. In Lexington, Martha and Clay had asked **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** and Lee to join them on Christmas Eve. While discussing Andi's childrens' book, with an April publication date, Andi wanted Betty Bond to see the lovely illustrations done by Martha. Looking at them and reading the Bunny poems, Andi pointed out the rhythm of the verses and someone then suggested that B.B. might set the first book to music. It then naturally progressed to the idea that at any future booksigning in Lexington, B.B. could play while Andi reads and Martha signs! And they further thought it might be fun for Andi and B.B. to do the same at our 50th next year. B.B. was scheduled to play for a local production at the little theater in Lexington and still is in great demand back in Bedford for any and all musicales.

Andi's annual Christmas letter was filled with family news, some losses and many joys, in summary of her and Keith's year. All the items of rightful pride in the growing accomplishments of her four sons now is echoed in her reports of the multifaceted talents of the grands and daughters-in-law.

A lovely card from **Elva Tate Hasher** and Conway told of his deteriorating health. Conway now is confined to his wheelchair, and Elva spends two days every week with him at the nursing home. Elva passed along the sad news that **Mary Ellen Cox** lost her mother last fall. And while Elva and **Ann Patty McCintock** had talked about meeting for lunch, that still was in the offing.

Jean "Murph" Murphy Baptist wrote that all was well with her, which is good news indeed.

From her new retirement villa in Hendersonville, N.C., **Joan Rekemeyer Kibbe** wrote of having chatted via phone with **Barbara Saul Baker** '50, who lives near her. And, as we mentioned, she also had heard from **Dottie Desmond Helfrich** and hoped to get together with her soon. Joan's daughter, Gretchen, came for Thanksgiving as she's teaching at Appalachian State in nearby Boone, N.C. Joan spent a month, including the holidays, in California with her daughter, Jenny, who's working on her Ph.D. at UCLA. Joan added that she's really happy in her new home as they have 200 members of AAUW, and they do trips, have book groups, play bridge and help the community, especially the schools.

Reunion '99 will be June 4-6, now less than a year away. There's much to be done to make our Golden Year most memorable for us and for MWC, so please plan accordingly! Meanwhile, as ever, love to y'all from boffus.

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I talked with **Lois Feagans Cobbs** not too long ago. She said that she was so glad she had gotten such a good education at MWC, and that it had rubbed off on her children, since several have their Ph.D.s. She has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease but is doing quite well.

Ruth DeMiller Hill called me, and she is doing fine. I have been occupied with my dog, Scout (who is rotten and demanding), a 6-year-old collie, and I am still dating Duke (Tri State U. physics teacher). Between the two of them, there is not much time for letter-writing. I thought after I quit Welcome Wagon I would have more time, but it seems I use all the time up, regardless. I now make my bed, which I didn't do before. Yes, after 28 years and 9 months I quit Welcome Wagon in June. I don't know if I told you before, Duke and I went to Alaska in July 1995.

My big news this year is my 3,500 mile trip (I drove alone) to my 50th high school reunion in Mobile. I went via Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas visiting cousins, nephews, a niece and friends in all those states. I spent one night with **Winnie Horton Brock** in Elizabethtown, Ky. Ted had bypass heart surgery in early 1997 but is doing well now. On her Christmas card Winnie updated me on all the children. Youngest daughter, Sherri, is still in Russia doing the Lord's work. Son Aubrey is married and lives close to Winnie and Ted. All the other girls are doing well. Winnie's stepdad died in June after he, too, had some heart trouble.

While in Mobile I visited **Catherine Burns Foster**, who was at MWC the year we were sophomores. She has seven children and is looking after her 95-year-old aunt. If anyone remembers **Shirley Matzenger Jones** '53, you will want to know she is not well at all. I talked to her husband but could not talk to her.

At Christmas, I heard from my suitemate **Betsy Fletcher Adams**. She and husband Bill still live in Boyds, Md. Bill is still consulting and travels to places like China and Egypt, as well as in the U.S. The Christmas card had horses on it, naturally. Their daughter, Jenny, and husband have just returned from duty in Korea and are now stationed at the Pentagon.

My mealtime hostess when I was a freshman was **Natalie Klein** '48. Ours was the last table to leave the dining room all the time. We have kept in touch since she graduated. We had not seen each other in 48 years, but picked up right where we left off. Natalie has retired after teaching for years. She had a fascinating time teaching in Japan.

I heard from **Nancy Gass** '52, who still lives in St. Louis. Her mother died in September at the age of 97. Nancy and I ate at the same table for several years, and we, too, closed the dining hall. Nancy is still doing income taxes!

Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni '50 wrote from Miami. My freshman roommate of three months, **Julia "Judy" Campbell Kern**, wrote from Strasberg that she and **Anne Phalen Barr** '50 were worried about me. Both are well.

Ann Penney Ross sent a card made from a rubbing done at Westminster Abbey, London, in December 1996. She still lives in Rhode Island and would love to hear from her classmates. I wonder what I did with my time with only three children — Ann had 11 children. I have lost track of how many grandchildren she has.

For all you girls who were Episcopalians or who were involved in the Canterbury Club — I had a letter from Mary Faulkner telling of the death of the Rev. Thomas Faulkner in November 1996. He was such a devout, dedicated man. He was so very faithful about coming on the campus to bring us Communion, and he was always such a help with our Canterbury meetings. Those of you who remember him might want to write to Mary. She said she would love to hear from some of the girls. They were both caring and loving in welcoming MWC students into their home.

Ruth DeMiller Hill is still at home in Indiana after 42 years.

Dot Kinsey Richardson wrote the following: "Elderhostel, two week tours in Europe and visiting our four daughters is as exciting as it gets, and that is pretty well enough for us at this stage of our lives. My husband had a heart attack and is finished with his rehab. Nevertheless, we have joined the YMCA to work out, an essential part of his staying well. Our memberships with the Y allow us to use any Y in the U.S. and, I expect, if they have one, in other countries. We used the new Y in St. Louis, Mo., when there last week to see our newborn grandson, the first child of our fourth daughter and her husband. Our oldest daughter is married to a travel lecturer, who has given his show at the National Geographic Society in D.C., for each one of the films he has made. His name is Rick Ray, and he is good. We were with Rick and Mary several years ago when he filmed in Bali. Our daughter has a stock film business. Our second daughter lives in Tallahassee with her husband and two children. She has been writing proposals for grants. Our third daughter is a school nurse in New Jersey. I have seven grandchildren, all wonderful little people; we are blessed."

From **Elizabeth Smith Hughes** comes these words, "I am still pushing along as executive editor of *The Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower* at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. We have published 17 volumes to date and are finishing up with the publication of volumes 18-21, covering Eisenhower's second presidential term. These last volumes are due in the year 2000, and that will conclude the project. It will also conclude my career as a documentary editor. It pleases me that my long association with Hopkins will end in 2000. It's nice, isn't it, that the entire world will celebrate with me when I retire. I like that. Think of the fireworks and parades. Then you can say, 'Wow! Betsy Hughes has finally retired!' Seriously, Chuck and I are enjoying five wonderful grandchildren, and we are still active tennis players — holding our own in the senior world. Last summer we enjoyed the beach and tennis at our condo in Bethany Beach, Del., and later we traveled to Canada by way of the St. Lawrence River and Seaway."

It was nice to hear from **Martha "Pat" Lancaster Curtis**. "I have never been able to return to a class reunion because, being married to a Naval officer, I never seem to be on the right coast, or even in the right country at reunion times. Plus, traveling around like we do, I seem to have lost contact with most of my friends. Therefore, I thought no one would be interested in anything I have to write. So, only to keep you from having another empty column… this past July I attended my 50th high school class reunion at Annapolis High School in Maryland. It was great fun seeing classmates, and it gave me a push to try to get to our 50th Reunion. We've been to several MWC cocktail parties held in this area with ladies who attended Fredericksburg State Normal School and several nice young male graduates. We've been living in Southern California, seven miles from the Mexican border, in Bonita, since Dick retired from the Navy in 1982, and we've continued to travel. We visit our three children and try to spoil our six grandchildren as much as possible, and we take off on our own at least twice a year. We enjoy the stage shows in London, and in Austria we have a friend who is a wine and beer distributor. We've been to Greece, a favorite, and spent three weeks driving 3,000 miles around Turkey. We were in Vietnam — our time there was special because we went with a Vietnamese couple Dick met while stationed in DaNang. We later, in the late '70s, helped them settle in and become American citizens. Each year we white-water raft in West Virginia, and each year we take our whole family someplace special for a couple of weeks. This October we will go to the Big Island of Hawaii to see our oldest son run in the IRONMAN Triathalon, and after that we'll head for China for three weeks and travel with Dick's Naval Academy roommate and his wife. We stay active and busy." Boy, Pat, you can say that again! Hope to see you in 2001.

A bit of news has come from **Norma Resnikoff Sater.** "I have just returned from Phoenix, Ariz., where I had a wonderful visit with **Ruth Southard Hoffman. Kathryn "Hope" Allcorn Kasfeldt**, who lives in San Luis Obispo, Calif., also joined us, so we were able to have a mini-reunion. News from my family — husband and I

both retired. Children: oldest son, Craig, is a dentist and lives in my county; son Richard is a neurologist living in Philadelphia area affiliated with U. of Pennsylvania Hospital; and daughter Debbie works for NASA at Kennedy Space Center and, after receiving M.B.A., is now working on Ph.D. in industrial engineering. My daughter and I made a lovely trip to Spain in March. I have three grandchildren and a fourth one due in late January."

Carolyn "CB" Bowers Atwell writes from North Carolina: "October 13-16 found seven MWC Class of '51 friends visiting in the home of **Anne Taylor Miller** and her husband, Russell, in Gladstone, Va. These classmates have remained close for 46 years and since 1991 have met and vacationed together bi-annually. Those visiting the Millers were **Carolyn Bowers Atwell**, **Jean Tomko Chapman** and Sonny, **Eugenia Moran Cheney** and Bob, **Anne Ruggles Curfman** and Howard, **Margorie Southcott Graham** and Jerry, and **Hannah Lou Southwell McGowan** and Charlie. These friends come from Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and New Hampshire. A van was rented to carry all 13 on a three-day tour of points of interest in and around Appomattox County. Much reminiscing and laughter was enjoyed while traveling along the Skyline Drive and while stopping for a gourmet picnic along the way. This group plans to meet again in '99 in Naples, Fla., and again at MWC for their 50th Reunion."

Well, folks, it was so wonderful to hear from all of you out there. Keep it up! Until next time, enjoy life.

1953

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Virginia Poole Kinniburgh and husband John stayed with son Mark and family in a "spectacular 15th-century castle," Hampton Court, on the English-Welsh border recently while visiting in England. They were the only people in the castle, so John had to walk about locking an assortment of doors each night while the grandchildren pretended to be lords and princesses. Mark and family should be returning stateside very soon from his tour of duty in England. Virginia and John also managed a recent visit to son Stuart and family, who live less than a mile from Lake Michigan. They enjoyed a sunset picnic on the beach with a view of the famous Grand Haven Lighthouse.

The big news from **Martha Gilbert Smith** is that she is a first-time grandmother and thoroughly enjoying little Lauren Elizabeth Swift, a gift from daughter Diana and husband Mark.

On our way to Norfolk to the change of command ceremony for *USS STOUT* (DDG 55), Hal and I stopped to visit with **Deigh Renn Simpson** in Hopewell, Va. I hadn't been to Deigh's girlhood home since college days. What a trip back in time that was to see her home on the river unchanged. If I didn't have to look in the mirror, I could easily have believed myself in the 1950s again! Hal and I had a nice visit with Deigh's mother, 96, while awaiting Deigh's arrival from work. Deigh, Hal and I enjoyed a wonderful visit over lunch. Deigh's job must agree with her because she looks wonderful.

Charlotte and Jose entertained daughter Pattie and family during a hot spell when they succumbed to grandchildren with a day at Disneyland. They always swore (and still do) never to go there again when it's hot!

Hal and I traveled with Charlotte and Jose on the *SS American Queen* from Memphis to New Orleans. We enjoyed interesting historical tours along the way and a lovely leisurely pace down the river. Hal and I also traveled to Scotland, Isle of Mull and Norway. We went everywhere in Scotland by train and in Norway by train and then ship to see the magnificent and beautiful fjords; an outstanding trip. We also enjoyed the Rockies and Southern California while visiting our son and family and our daughter and hers, respectively. While in Southern California, Charlotte and Jose visited us one day. We do manage to get together a fair amount in spite of having a continent between us.

We should have more news next time from our 45th Reunion!

1955

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher
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Skip and I were on the road so much in '97 that I've vowed to stay home 'til all projects are completed and home and paper work totally organized before launching out anywhere. And we'll see just how long that lasts! Most of the travel was for birthing and baptizing grandbabies, but in August we took an American Horticulture Societies' tour of Scotland's castle gardens. For gardeners, this was "died and gone to heaven" territory.

Polly Stoddard Heim reported that their months' long trip from Florida to California, Seattle, Alaska, New York, and Virginia went very smoothly, but, like Dorothy, she says, "There's no place like home."

Dotty Booth Sanders had their son and his wife visit them for New Year's, and in January she will be in Georgia for a visit with Dotty's mother.

Sally Hanger Moravitz reports the birth of grandson Nathan. She writes, "My dance seemed to come full circle this year. On a snowy and icy weekend in February '97, a group of Potomac Chapter members of the Sacred Dance Guild went to Fredericksburg to dance in the services at the Presbyterian Church. You can imagine my surprise and delight to see Dean Alvey there. Even in the '90s he could recall my dancing around in the '50s!"

Anne "Lou" Rohrbach Culwell writes from Blanchard, Okla. — her first ever newsletter! She returned to the scene of her good ol' days in Reading, Pa., for her 46th high school reunion. She, as well as all of her classmates, missed the traditional 45th, as a snowstorm collapsed the roof of the site of the celebration. We can assume Anne Lou was not under said roof, as she made her 46th and had a great time. Anne Lou's husband, Haskell, passed on five years ago. This year her brother spent the holidays with her. She saw the births of two more grandbabies, bringing the grand total to 16. Anne Lou is planning a trip to "Big Sky" in March, or maybe a return to Hawaii. She sends an invitation to '55 classmates to come see her if you pass through Oklahoma.

"And now," as they say on any and all awards ceremonies, "the moment you've been waiting for." We had 16 entrants in our 1997's Most Beautiful Grandbaby Contest. They were all adorable, and after much deliberation, the winner is Mary Shope Armbruster of Boulder, Colo., granddaughter of **Nancy Shope Armbruster**, still of Santa Fe, N.M. Both Nancy and Miss Mary have won MWC sweatshirts.

So ladies and gentlemen, send in your grandbabies' photos, and we'll see who the winner is for 1998!

1957

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1959

Edna Gooch Trudeau
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Received **Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas'** annual postcard from Greece. She and Spiros had a wonderful three-week vacation with sun, sand and swimming in August, which got her ready for fifth grade in the fall. **Patricia Gray Proulx** and Dan have announced the birth of their second grandchild. Dan is teaching kindergarten at Virginia Beach schools. Pat saw **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** in November and met her granddaughter. Pat also met with **Anita Haeberlin** and **Audrey Grimes Wright** last summer in Williamsburg for lunch. A great time was had by all!

Carmen Culpeper Chappell had a three-day bash at the Hotel Jefferson in Richmond to celebrate her 60th birthday. She had 29 guests and sent a picture of the prominent three — **Kay Rowe Hayes**, **Dodie Reeder Hruby** and **Edith Sheppard Ott**. What a blast that must have been! Carmen is also thrilled to announce that Eric is to be married in May. Last July Carmen and John were in Colorado, took a trip to Europe in October, and went back to Colorado in November and December. For '98 they plan Puerto Rico in April and then a return to Europe.

The three grandchildren and their menagerie of pets keep **Lois Gaylord Allen** and Howard very busy. They have been spending the summers near Martha's Vineyard and traveling. They hope retirement will be in three years. **Gloria Winslow Borden** continues to teach and travel. This summer she toured Ireland and Scotland and the Aran Islands. The Kirchners are still in Knoxville. The Lambdins are in Stockton, Calif. Beth and Dan are opening a Christian high school, hopefully next fall. The Bordens are in Monterey. Cliff is an elementary school principal. Cynthia, a high school athletic trainer, continues to be a bacheloress in Dallas.

Beth Shochat Cole's most exciting news is the birth of granddaughter number three, thanks to Cindy and George, who still reside in Denver. Debbie and daughter went to Denver at Thanksgiving to help Cindy for the event. Debbie is teaching gym and is a judge at women's gymnastics. Julie left Tom with three kids, two dogs, birds and a black Arabian horse, plus house to help Cindy buy all the nursery items. He survived!

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle and Tom spent June in the Virgin Islands on their sailboat. They mostly stayed around St. John and St. Thomas. They were looking forward to all the kids for Christmas, especially their 7-year-old granddaughter.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn likes being a part-time teacher in Chesterfield County. She teaches three math classes — two are SAT prep. She says they are delightful. She traveled with her in-laws to see Cathy and Michael last summer and were on their way during the holidays to help them with their new house. Burt likes his Virginia State Police headquarters job.

Catherine Swaffin Howard and John are building a new home in Austin this spring. Then they will be near Sally and Johnny and their families. **Marcia Phipps Ireland**'s son, Kent, married in October. All is well with Kris and hubby and two grandkids. Gary is still with Princeton and Marcia with the College of New Jersey.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman spent '97 New

Year's in Nassau. She visited with old friends, one of which has a daughter who is a celebrity — "3rd Rock From the Sun's" Kristen Johnson. Pug spent the remainder of the winter in the condo at Vero Beach. She spent last summer in Silvertone — golfed, hiked, went to Vail, Bryce and Zion canyons. In the fall she saw Riverdance, went to D.C., and visited Tammie at Tech. And the best news last — no. five granddaughter arrived.

Julia Coates Littlefield wrote of the loss of her mother. We are living through some sad times, girls. Mo's schedule is hectic. He plans to step down as executive director of Sigma Nu and assume the duties of senior consultant, plus devote full time to raising funds necessary for the LEAD program. Sigma Nu leads the way for alcohol-free chapter homes. Julia continues to write part time for *The Delta*. Julia had a reunion with **Pat Garrison Overton**. She was in Lexington on a business trip as an innkeeper for a B&B.

Barbara Gordon McNamee is in her new home in Williamsburg near a lovely country club golf course. For Thanksgiving most of the kids came. Right after Christmas Barbara and Bob were on their way to Australia and the World Championships. Barbara is still involved with U.S. Synchronized Swimming. She is now coaching at The College of William and Mary as well as teaching. Bob plays golf and sometimes thinks about returning to dentistry, but retirement just takes up too much of his time.

Mary Carlton Massey and her husband, Jack Meirs, camped and hiked in the northern states and the Red River Gorge in Eastern Kentucky. In '98 they hope to check out the Texas hill country in March for an Elderhostel naturalist study. Then they are going to the West Coast. In July they plan to go with a British hiking group for a week in County Kerny, Ireland, and a week in the Cotswolds.

Barbara Barndt Miller and Ralph spent '97 crammed with horse shows from April to September, many times three a week in the Northeast. Her horse "Just a Bargain," a 2-year-old gelding, has been winning awards left and right. On their farm they have 19 horses, 45 fox hounds, three Jack Russell terriers and much, much land, which takes most of Barbara's time to manage. Fox hunting is one of their favorite sports, though Barbara enjoys tennis. She heard from **Joanne Russell Cox** and **Barbara White Ellis**.

Eleanor Markham Old divides her time among the Amish tour-guiding, Welcome Wagoning, and holding the office of Regent of Donegal (eighth year). Eleanor was made honorary regent for life, the first one in Donegal history. Arthur is subbing VoTech classes and teaching personal computer instruction and flight training. Jimmy is a flight instructor at NAS, Pensacola (Navy) and completed his master's in public administration from Auburn. Eleanor found out that her sophomore suitemate, **Joan Prescott Cowan**, lives in Hilton Head, S.C., and her roomie, **Janice Lee Pursley**, is in Winston-Salem. Janice's husband is retired, so they moved to be closer to their children.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowley sent a darling Christmas card with a picture of her three grandsons. Phyllis is still into tennis, golf and charity work. Jim likes working in Delray Beach with his firm of many years, Smith Barney Investments.

Gerry Jenks Winston sent the important news that Ryland had his second son in April. Addison is going to cut back and work part time in '98. He is still commuting between Emporia and Roanoke on the weekends. **Priscilla Brown Wardlaw** wrote that Chris went to Japan, where he is teaching English. Rob works in New York and does a lot of traveling for his job. Pete and Charlie spend their summers at the Jersey shore.

Sally Warwick Rayburn went to Disney World in January '97. In March Sally visited with son Steve and family in Greensboro. Jim stayed home and helped repairmen put the first floor back together after the ill-fated visit of Hurricane Fran. Sally said it took 11 months to get the house really back together. In May they went to England and Belgium. Sally goes on these trips with old friends, and I think they must take the towns by storm! In September they returned to Blacksburg for a Tech game, first time in 37 years. Needless to say, they were shocked at the changes. In October they spent several days in L.A. before heading to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. All the kids were home for Thanksgiving. Dick is attending a culinary school and did some fancy cooking for everyone.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers has done her usual constant traveling this past year but wants to slow down some in '98 due to Don's problem with an irregular heartbeat. Last March, however, found her in New Orleans and Hot Springs. She and Don had a fantastic reunion with many of her relatives in Malta in April. Then she went to Montreal and Quebec to teach some classes and, besides the usual extracurricular touring, she had the opportunity to impress everyone with her college French. Irene wrote that her mother was quite well mentally, but arthritis and failing eyesight were making things hard. Irene and Don spent Easter and Thanksgiving with his family in Florida.

In the fall Irene saw **Ann Watkins Steves** and Bob on the way to Rhode Island for the christening of their new grandchild. They said son David, wife Rhonda and children have moved back to Plano. Bob left TI and did a consulting job in Boston for several months, which gave them the opportunity to be near Linda and visit their son, Bill, in Vermont. Bob now works part time for Polatomics. On the way to Boston, Ann and Bob spent some fabulous touring time.

Irene had lunch with **Nancy Montrastelle Curnutt** and her daughter. She also met **Carol Agesen Dunigan** and her daughter for lunch. Carol is thinking of moving to Connecticut. She had a long telephone chat with **Kay Rowe Hayes**, who has four grandchildren, one set of twins!

Virginia lives in Richmond, 40 minutes away, in an apartment with an insane female cat! This is Mama speaking. She works for Psychological Consultants. They do psychological testing and evaluation, training and development, career planning, conferences and workshops, research and surveys. Aha! She used her major after all! So, I'm happy she's near and content. I live each day and hope I get through it. When retirement time comes, I'll be ready.

1961

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Lynn McCarthy is the world's best correspondent. She keeps up with so many '61ers. Lynn's trip to Hawaii with the UK Wildcats was terrific, and she fell in love with the Hawaiians. She keeps very busy with her genealogical research business, volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, vowing to finish writing two books, and then there is all her admirable letter-writing. She sends great news that Stuart and **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** have found their retirement home on an acre in Mathews County, Va. Stuart retires this year and has already ordered his boat. They are both biting at the bit to return to Virginia near the kids, family and friends.

Polly Updegraff Champ retired from the Connecticut Department of Children and Families this year and keeps active volunteering with, of course, adoption groups and backstage activities at the Connecticut Opera. She stays fit by bike-riding, aerobics and yoga. Polly is in close contact with former MWC dance professor Claudia Read and husband Charlie, who are now in assisted living in North Carolina.

Graham Walker Burns in Tennessee and **Marcia Minton Keech** in Middleburg, Va., are both million-dollar sales reps in real estate, and Lynn got them networking with some horse farm properties. Good to see our old-school-ties working. A chummy get-together in Mississippi found **Gail Warlow Sessions**, grandmother of five now, **Bea Stone Byrnes** and **Carole Grant Lemay** having fun reminiscing over MWC days. Lynn and fellow Kentuckian, **Betty Pace Rose**, are trying to put together a trip to Mississippi to join Gail, Bea and Carole in another rendezvous.

Sarah Leigh Kinberg continues to trek the world from Alaska to Wales to Germany (to visit daughter), to Italy and back again to Stockton, but she's mainly in shock over having a teen-age grandson — where did that time go?

Lynn's "little sister," **Evelyn Brooke Barnes** '62, retired this year from the Federal Services and, besides her Nags Head retreat, she enjoys "having coffee over *The Washington Post*."

Still working part time at the Delaware Nature Society, **Connie Booth Logothetis** is delighted that Andy has retired and has taken up the grocery shopping and cooking along with sailing, tennis, skiing, etc. Connie and Andy attended the summer wedding in Chicago of **Janie Riles'** daughter Annelise to Hiro of Japan, an exciting international event with guests from around the world. Janie has turned her family room into a painting studio, and e-mailed that Connie and Andy made a trip over the holidays to California and the Rose Parade. They "borrowed" her San Diego home while Janie was in Florida.

Janie also hosted **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and Clarence when they visited San Diego, via Phoenix to visit a new granddaughter. While in California the Ashleys visited the now national historical monument at Vandenberg, where Clarence and his associates launched the first missile into space in 1958.

Ann Elekes Nichols continues her medical struggles, but she and Jack did enjoy a getaway to Sunset Beach, N.C., where she was able to work on some of her wonderful paintings. **Prudie Billings Shepard** is still working 10-hour days but happily reports that she was able to take a trip to Europe last summer, visiting out-of-the-way places and staying at farmhouse B&Bs.

Barbara Steen Paulman traveled to England twice last year visiting daughter Julia and husband Paul in their new home. Roger and Barbie also slipped in a trip to Hawaii for a few weeks and, like Lynn, loved it. **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** and Bill added a trip to Europe to their usual year of trekking about the states.

I enjoyed hearing from my freshman roomie, **Pat Scott Peck**, who continues to teach art in middle school in South Florida and is celebrating her 35th year in teaching. Pat was able to take a dream trip to China in 1996 for three weeks (and three university credits) and enjoyed the travel group so much that she went to Morocco with them last summer. Our other freshman roomie, **Carolyn Crum Pannu**, was off to Italy for the holidays and is aiming at a May graduation with her master's in English. Her daughter, Kara, is back in Florida for intensive therapy and surgeries for an old auto accident injury.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins has had her camera doing overtime this year with her recording

of the development of her much-loved grandchildren in Maine. She added another grandson to her brood this year. Peggy's roomie, **Lynne Williams Neave**, and Sandy took numerous trips last year but were eagerly anticipating a dream come true 20th anniversary cruise/safari in January — Kenya, the Seychelles and Egypt. They have another wedding this summer and a second grandchild on the way, so life is busy and full. I'm selfishly hoping Lynne and Sandy don't wander too far from home as our son is finally moving to the Big Apple to try his luck on Broadway. Dick and I continue to be totally amazed that our California-bred children are trekking through our old stomping grounds: D'Arcy is settled in Raleigh with IBM and Don will perform in "Midsummer Nights Dream" at the Virginia Stage Company in Norfolk in May.

Peppy little **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art have finally moved into their modern dream house on the James River in Richmond and are really enjoying being back in the city. Lloyd reported that some 350 showed up at the Thomas Jefferson High School 40th reunion of the Class of '57 and that it was jam-packed with MWC '61ers: Pepper, Tommy, Vaughan, Nancy — but I'm afraid that's a whole column in itself and another story.

1963

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This year the month of July brought news from several classmates. First I received a nice newsy e-mail from **Carolyn Hippert Rose**. She and husband Frank live in Auburn, Ala., where he is director of the Space Power Institute at Auburn U. and she sells real estate. Carolyn and Frank have two daughters, one in Auburn and one in Warrenpoint, N. Ireland. Carolyn enjoys her three granddaughters, who live nearby. **Lois Murphy Akin** and her husband, Bernie, visited with the Roses while attending the Olympics in Atlanta. Lois and Bernie are avid travelers and have visited most of our 50 states and many other countries. Lois lives in the D.C. area and stays in touch with **Priscilla Cole Perkins**, who is now in Bethesda. Apparently **Shirley Irwin Mang** lives near D.C., too. Carolyn also mentioned that **Sue Ramey-Green**, who was widowed some years ago, remarried in 1995.

July also brought a letter from **Elizabeth "Ibby" LeSueur** in Louisville, Ky. I was sorry to hear that Ibby lost her father to cancer in October 1996 but happy to learn that she became a grandmother in June '97. Ibby reports that her son, Stuart, owns a guitar shop called "Fat Sound" and plays in blues bands around town in Cary, N.C. Ibby does accounting work in Louisville and stays busy with a variety of projects.

Last July while slaving away at Mother's house in the heat of Gibson Island, Md., I had a surprise visit from **Barbara Bold Ducker**, who had just finished a tennis game with our real estate agent for Mother's house. Small world! Barbara and her husband, Tom, live in Annapolis, Md., where he has his medical practice. They have three grown children: Lakin is married and works for AOL in D.C.; Scott is also married and works in aviation in Denver; and Susanne is an artist who lives in Bozeman, Mont. We had a great time catching up on each other's lives and discovering that Barbara and Tom have been members of the Gibson Island Club for 25+ years.

Christmas cards brought news from four classmates. **Linda Herrold Hansen** is still in Oklahoma but does travel some with her job. **Mary A. Settle Johnson** wrote that living in Nevis, West Indies, last year was quite an experience. She said the beaches and water were lovely, but the heat, humidity and insects were a bit much for a house with no air conditioning or screens. Bob and Mary are back in Chapala, Mexico, now.

Jeanne Chabot Wallis and Wally have become grandparents and have another son getting married in June. Wally is still flying, and both he and Jeanne are avid golfers. **Karen Vandeventer Chapman** and Kurt love Rhode Island. They finally were able to move into their newly built home in time for Christmas. The back of the house is all glass, giving them a view of the ocean, Block Island and the Montauk Point lighthouse. Karen's school library has been under renovation at the same time as the house-building project, so she said she lived with cement dust by day and sawdust by night for a while. Both her kids are doing well: Kirsty is a VP with JP Morgan in New York City, and son Paul plans an August wedding.

I have paid careful attention to all the library-moving advice that Karen has e-mailed to me this past year because I will have to move mine this spring. We're building a whole new wing, which includes a new library four times the size of my present facility. However, I have to camp out in a trailer for the duration of the project, so it should be an interesting year. David began an experimental association with an accounting firm here in Houston last February doing property and excise tax consulting work. He finds it different from corporate tax work and enjoys going out and meeting with clients from a wide variety of businesses. We still hope to be able to relocate to New England some time in the near future. We've had enough of hot weather! My children are doing well: Tracy is still in Camden, Maine, with husband Chip, and Mark is a VP with Wells Fargo Bank in L.A. He enjoys his bachelor pad in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

By the time you all read this, our 35th Reunion will have come and gone. I, for one, plan to be there and hope I will see many of you there, too. Meanwhile, keep those notes, letters, calls and e-mails coming to Ginger and me so we can share your news.

1965

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1967

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1969

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I do love this issue of MWC news, because my deadline is right after Christmas, and I'm so glad to hear everybody's news in their Christmas letters. Of course, I would love to hear from the rest of you any time of year! **Linda Marett Disosway** has had a very busy year: they've moved into a condo in Greensboro, Ga., while they're building a house on a lake and golf course. Sounds like the ultimate in resort living! Linda is golfing (duh!) and has kept up with her book club and singing group in Atlanta despite the move. Hubby John is still flying for Delta, and eldest daughter Allison is working for Pier One Imports in Ft. Worth and doing a lot of traveling all over the world on buying trips. Middle daughter Jill is at the U. of Ga., and youngest, Taylor, is in her first year at Ga. Tech.

Betty Ferguson Foster writes that she's keeping busy managing the hospital gift shop at the Medical College of Va. — it's volunteer, but pretty much full-time — and traveling with husband Charlie. He heads Lawyers Title Company in Richmond. Eldest daughter graduated from Wake Forest in May, traveled through Europe for a few weeks, and then worked in London for six months, where they all visited her in October. Sarah is a junior at Princeton and last summer did a teaching internship at a residential high school in Colorado — quite an experience, Betty says!

Barb Marks Poppleton says their trips keep them mostly away from their Pittsburgh home. Winter '97 saw them in Seven Springs skiing every weekend and visiting kids. Daughter Valerie, a nurse, has moved from Michigan to Boston, where she is working at Boston Children's Hospital. Son Bret graduated from Notre Dame in May and is working (and playing) at a ski resort in Alta, Utah, before going on to grad school next year. Son Drew, at Lehigh, continues his football woes: tore his MCL, got two concussions, and then broke two ribs. Perhaps this kid should consider another sport!

Martha Pickard Zink has been spending a lot of time in Kiawah, S.C., where they have two homes, and hubby Rip has started a home service business in addition to his regular job in Baltimore. Their big trip this year was to Scotland, which was fabulous, Martha says, as was the trip home on the *QE II*. She keeps busy with her antiques seminars and her painting — and skiing, and golfing, and traveling. Son Doug worked restoring old houses and barns in Lexington, is traveling as I write this, and then plans to settle in Lexington or Charleston and start his own business. Younger son Matt graduated in May '97 and is looking for a job in Baltimore, after working for a time in Chicago. Martha highly recommends the Civil War book, *God and Generals*, all about Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. She notes that she didn't appreciate all the history of the area when we were there — I certainly second that sentiment!

We also had a graduation this year: our son, Matt, graduated from Middlebury in Vermont and is now working for Excel Mountain Bikes in Boulder, Colo., before going to law school in '98. Needless to say, he loves the cold outdoors. We visited him there for Christmas, and it really is beautiful. Our daughter, Emily, is in her sophomore year at Eckerd in St. Petersburg, Fla., and has just returned from Roatan, Honduras. She spent last January diving and studying in Micronesia, a fabulous trip, and hopes to spend next semester in Australia, where we would go visit her. Did I mention she's majoring in marine biology? Hopes to be the Dian Fossey of the marine world, I think. Isn't it neat what all our children can accomplish? Our family dive trip took us to Bonaire last summer, which was an experience in itself, and so great for us all to be able to spend time together. Jim and I took a trip to California in October, where we saw my sister, Jan, and **Linda Huff Alderson**, who keeps busy with volunteering, mostly for breast cancer, of which she is a survivor. We had dinner with her and hubby Sandy, who manages the Oakland A's. Both look great — haven't aged much at all! Daughter Catie is a sophomore at Dartmouth, and son Bryn is a junior in high school. I am working part time for a costume/custom sewing shop, which I love, and also continue to design

costumes for Emily's old high school shows (next up is "West Side Story," an interesting choice for a girls' school), and other volunteer work.

Please, as always, remember to designate your gifts to MWC to the Class of '69 Laura Sumner Scholarship. And, it's time to start planning for our 30th Reunion, too. Let's all try to make it!

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Margaret Nichols Jeffries-Honeycutt writes that her company, Child Health Associates, Ltd., in Warrenton, Va., has recently expanded its pediatric care to include a new daycare and learning center. Husband Don is also involved as manager of the clinic and daycare. They have one son. **Martha Gordon Sheridan**, who has specialized in the treatment of people with alcoholism and other chemical dependencies for over 15 years, recently joined Augusta Psychological Associates, a private mental health group practice. Martha lives in Waynesboro, Va., with husband Joseph and three children.

Congratulations to **Gwen Phillips Vieth** and husband Peter on the birth of a daughter. Hollins joins three brothers. **Kathye Baldwin Geary** and husband John live in Virginia near Mt. Vernon. John is still on active duty with the U.S. Navy and was recently promoted to captain. Daughter Meredith is a high-school junior and son Rob is in his first year at MIT. Kathye works part time at a high school guidance department.

Nancy Leggett McGee, who did a great job as our class agent for the past five years, moved cross-country from California to Louisiana in January with husband Tim and two sons. They live near Lake Pontchatrain, about 30 miles from New Orleans. **Faith Lynch Johnson** also moved last year from England to Garmisch, Germany (near the beautiful Alps!), with husband Bob and two children. Both Bob and Faith are in an 18-month course of study at the Marshall Center.

Sue Lind Relyea lives in Middletown, N.J., with husband Wayne and three daughters. Sue is a school caregiver/teacher and volunteers in the school library, cooks for the Young at Heart senior citizens, and helps lead a Girl Scout troop. Susan should consider travel as a career as she vacationed in Cancun, North Carolina, Massachusetts, England and Switzerland in 1997!

Sheila Hedrick Sencindiver lives in downtown Fredericksburg in an 87-year-old house one-half block from Kenmore. Sheila teaches ninth-grade English in Spotsylvania County, and she and husband Jim just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. **Laurie Fisher Calloway** also lives in Fredericksburg near the College and frequently walks or bikes through the campus with her three children. Laurie teaches music and movement to grades PK-5 at Fredericksburg Academy, and she and husband Gary attend their children's swim meets all across Virginia. After many years in the human resources field, **Lisa Rae Campbell Walker** recently changed careers. Lisa now teaches seventh-grade social studies in the city of Richmond, which is challenging but very rewarding. She and husband Andy spent the Christmas holidays vacationing in San Francisco. Lisa keeps up with **Carolyn Alexander**, whom she says is living in New Hampshire and is doing great.

Cynthia Ingham and her husband of 18 years, Jay, live in Van Buren, Ark., where Jay is the chief meteorologist for the CBS affiliate there. Cynthia completed her Ph.D. in history last August after three years of non-stop work and commuting between Arkansas and Kansas, and she is now on the search for a college professorship.

Dari-Ann Pijanowski writes that she had a great time at the reunion. **Amy Hartigan Talton** lives in Vienna, Va., and now has two teen-age drivers in the family! Although she worries more, the extra transportation does help Amy manage four kids' schedules of band, drill team, hockey, tae kwon do, etc. Amy stays busy volunteering at church, the school library, and as music boosters treasurer. **Mary Byrd**, who continues to write for "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," sends a news flash—she and long-time beau, John Kohler, tied the knot in December in Las Vegas! Congratulations!

Barbara Watkins Cureton sent news about her life as well as information about several other classmates. Barbara and husband Forrest live in Grass Valley, Calif., an old gold mining town, where she is the Methodist church secretary and a choir member. She and Forrest traveled to Africa last fall, where they studied animals, minerals, mines, and took a hair-raising white-water rafting trip on the Zambesi River! Last May Barbara visited **Debbie Henderson Addis** and her husband, Scot, in Cambria, Calif., where Debbie is the director of the department of mental health for San Luis Obispo County. In December she met **Nancy Hoagland** and **Martha West Hennessey** and their husbands for a short reunion in Virginia Beach. Nancy lives in Clayton, N.C., where she works with Oxford U. Press as a book production manager. Martha lives on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where she is the preschool director as well as a teacher at Broadwater Academy. Martha and husband Rod have two sons. Barbara also keeps up with **Sue Schryber**, who lives in Holland, Mich., and works in cancer research. Sue travels extensively on outdoor adventure trips, like bicycling across New Zealand. **Lynn Zdanewicz Irving** lives in Dallas, Texas, where she and husband Bob are both CPAs. They have three children.

Grace Matheny Lalonde lives in Poolesville, Md., where she does volunteer church work and is a substitute dance teacher. Husband Francois will be presenting some of his findings in brain-imaging research in Australia and Canada this spring. They have two daughters.

Kathleen Williams Pyrce and daughter Mariah live in Lawrenceville, Ga., and are continuing to heal after the loss of husband and father, Jim, last year. Kathy is very involved in church and community activities as well as being a demonstrator for the Christmas Around the World home party plan.

Vicky Geis Mumford and husband Jim live in Arlington, Va., and will welcome a new baby in May to join son Peter. **Terri Navas Slocomb** returned to work full time last October writing for a consulting firm, where she says her computer skills are rapidly improving! She and husband Steve have three children.

Terrie Martin Dort lives in McLean, Va., where she is executive director of the National Council of Chain Restaurants in Washington, D.C. She and husband Dean take several exciting vacations every year and stay busy with son J.R.'s activities. **Janet Ogden Thompson** lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with husband Tommy and two daughters. Both girls are very involved in dance as well as church drama activities, which Janet often directs and sings in. They live on a farm which they share with an abundance of animals! **Pamela Roberts Albrecht** and husband Tom also live in the Richmond area. Tom is a pediatrician, and they have three children.

Libby Bell Stevens stays on the run keeping up with four children. She and husband Gene, who is a doctor, live in Harrisonburg, Va. **Jo McTague Townsend** lives in Naples, Fla., and is a legal assistant besides being a busy mom to three children. **Craig Strickland Robinson** and husband Jack live in Collierville, Tenn., where she is a distributor with NuSkin/Interior Design Nutritionals and is busy with three children.

I have to share this incredible story sent by **Betty Smith Hesaltine**. Betty lives in Richmond, where she is a stay-at-home mom of three. To celebrate her 40th birthday, her husband arranged for a sailboat to take them around the British Virgin Islands. The captain of the boat was a treasure hunter and utilized metal detectors to locate valuable objects during scuba diving expeditions. Betty asked to see some of these objects during their trip, and among them was an MWC class ring from 1957 with the initials D.F. inside. When Betty returned home, she called the alumni office and tracked down the owner of the ring, who now resides in St. Thomas. She had lost the ring on Paradise Beach in 1959 but had since purchased another one. She contacted the owner of the sailboat at Betty's recommendation and got her original ring back!

Congratulations to **Roger Scott**, who graduated with honors from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., last July. He earned an M.A. in national security and strategic studies.

I live in Las Vegas with my husband, Al, who works for Hilton, and my two sons. My marketing and sales company is growing rapidly, and I now represent five major shows/attractions in Las Vegas.

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From Lori:

Congratulations to **Pam Clapp** on her engagement to Greg Hinkle, a molecular biologist at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory and at the U. of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. They are planning a September '98 wedding. Mike and **Katrina Ray Landis** recently adopted two girls from Russia. They now have four children. In late January, they moved to England, where Trina and Mike were both transferred from Alaska to their companies' London offices. They live in Rickmansworth, a little village northwest of London.

Patty Churchill Shippee and her family have settled in Patty's home town of King George, Va. Her husband, Mike, is a pilot for United Airlines. They have four children and a new puppy!

Susan Dishman Boyd recently relocated from Jacksonville, Fla., to Opelousas, La., where husband John is now the manufacturing manager (assistant plant manager) at the FMC pesticide plant. They have two children. **Vicki Reynard Thorne**, husband Kevin and their four children are still in San Jose, Calif., where Kevin works for a nuclear-imaging company and Vicki does artwork for GAP.

My husband, Craig, and I welcomed daughter Megan last June 23, son Brian's third birthday. In November Craig and I both graduated from the Naval War College with masters' degrees in national security and strategic studies, and then we moved from Newport, R.I., to Falls Church, Va. Craig works on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, and I work on the Navy staff as a manpower/budget analyst. We'll be here for at least the next two years.

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From Marcia:

Let me start off by saying that our class continues to proliferate. **Kathy Walters Along** has her Jazzercise business with its flexible hours, so she can be mom to her newest addition. Joseph joins sister Gina, now 4. **Lisa Harris Coleman** and husband Ken added little Erin Ashley, now almost 1, to their family. I also heard from **Susan Bridges Loberger**, who reported that they now have four children. Susan is still doing historic garment reproductions and sewed pieces for exhibits at the Atlanta History Center for the Olympics as well as an 1848 ball gown and underpinnings for the display of Sarah Polk, wife of James Polk, in Pineville, N.C. Susan has been featured in *Costume and Dressmaker*, a trade magazine, and is working on a book on 19th century homespun gowns. Susan has also developed historic patterns for *McCall's* to be distributed in major markets this year.

Mollie Joynes Baker and husband Chuck, an LCDR in the Navy, are living in Portsmouth. They have seven children ranging from 2-12. Mollie homeschools the oldest four. Mollie reported that **Kathy Enfield Jerow** has two children and that her husband, Tim, has retired from the Air Force. Mollie also said that **Mary Cochran Burton** lives in Centreville, Va., with hubby Tim and daughter Meredith.

Muffin Williamson Wilson added baby Natalie, now almost 1, to her growing brood of two boys, one of which is starting first grade. They are still in Atlanta and love it. **Hope Martin Chenault** had her third child and first daughter, Stephanie Renee. **Estie Corey Thomas** received an award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Society for her work obtaining property for the Rappahannock River Wildlife Refuge. Estie and Mike added Anna Brooks, their second child, to the family. Estie is also very active in her church vestry and reports that Anna was cast as Baby Jesus and brother Clay as an angel in a Christmas play. Mike served his reserve duty in South Korea near the DMZ and was also promoted to administrative law judge at the State Corporation Commission.

As for me, I went on a trip I had planned for nearly two years, to Sicily. I spent two weeks traveling with my mother, visiting relatives, gathering family lore, eating and listening to stories of how my grandmother, Mama Annetta, was kidnapped right before she was married in 1919. On the home front, my husband is now the medical director of BCBS of Kentucky and was interviewed for NBC news last year. I chaired the auction at my sons' preschool and am now vice-president of our Medical Society Alliance. Last summer my pizza won second prize at the Kentucky State Fair.

If you didn't make it to the reunion, drop me a line so I can give your classmates an update.

From Jackie:

The holidays are always a great time to catch up with old friends. I got to see my freshman roommate, **Kim Stephenson Reiley**, and her husband, **Barney** '82, as we visited our respective in-laws, who live across the street from each other. They have three beautiful and, of course, athletic girls. I also got together with **Martha Newcombe**, **Lynn Ziernicki**, **Ann Clark Lockhart**, and **Martha Weber Jaffe**. Martha Newcombe was promoted to senior budget analyst for Fairfax County. Lynn has big changes in store in 1998. She started a new job working on stock options software and is getting married to Max Bruce. My other freshman roommate, **Patty Lebherz Dschuhan**, and husband Dan live in Herndon, Va., with their 1-year-old son. Patty is a personnelist for the State Department, Foreign Service Institute, and helps with her sister's business, Custom Catering. My freshman suitemate, **Missie Thomas Clouser**, and husband Fred are busy in Virginia Beach with their son. Mason 4th lives, but I'd love to hear from the rest of you!

Kym Snead '82 left Wells Fargo and the San Francisco area after many years. She is working for ABN-AMRO, which has her sharing residences between Chicago and Amsterdam. I am still at Virginia Power, currently doing systems analysis for a new group that buys and sells electricity and gas. It is a very fast-paced and exciting group to work with! I am also working with **Nancy Gleason** '69, a fellow systems analyst.

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From Nancy:

I have been busy the last couple of years. I received a master of public administration from George Washington U. and left Canon USA after working there five years. I am currently the federal sales procurement manager for WorldCom in Vienna, Va.

Karin Anderson Williams and husband Roy live in Burke, Va., with their dog, Cody. Karin is a business manager at Cannon USA in Arlington — we used to work on the same floor. **Janet Hall Zavrel** and **Chris Zavrel** '86 had their second daughter, Claire, who joined first daughter, Emily. Janet left *U.S. News & World Report* to stay at home with her children, and Chris works for TASC.

Polly VanDyck Tarbell lives in Charlottesville with husband Rich. Polly works at the U.Va. Hospital Center as a speech pathologist. She works mainly with children with developmental problems related to eating and swallowing food properly. The program has attracted nationwide attention, and her expertise is in demand.

Tracy Annis-Johnson and her husband, Butch, live in York Beach, Maine. Tracy is VP of operations for a small data-processing company. Tracy's children consist of five cats, two ferrets and a dog. Tracy is still very active in protecting animal rights and enters the Maine Moose Lottery every year in hopes of saving a moose. Tracy was in Fredericksburg last year and also went to Richmond to visit some of our freshman-year Virginia dorm friends, **Caroline Lane Thurston** and **Jennifer Costa Berdux**. Another out-of-towner who made the trip to Fredericksburg last year was **Corrine Queveda Carson**. Corrine and husband Doug have a son, Wesley. Corrine is a CPA and is working as the financial reporting manager for Beverly Enterprises, Inc. in Fort Smith, Ark.

Dawn Sinka Maloney is an environmental officer for the city of Boca Ratan, Fla. Dawn's been doing a lot of traveling the past year. She's been to Baltimore once, Washington, D.C., twice, Texas twice, drove cross-country from Arizona to Florida, and went to the 4th Crocodile Specialist Reunion in Mexico. I visited Dawn in Deerfield Beach last September. Dawn tells me that **Monica Drewek Mitchell** had a girl in March 1997. Monica is the finance department head for the city of Longwood, Fla., and lives in Lake Mary, Fla. **Diane Cardwell Huntington** '89 and husband Billy have two children. Diane is working in Warrenton as an accountant for a loan servicing corporation.

Jen Pranzo Roddecker and husband Randy have three children. The Roddeckers live in Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Liz Proutt got engaged to Chris Connelly. She ran the Marine Corps Marathon last October and will do it again next year if she can get any recruits.

Margaret Duke Hilldrup and **Mark Hilldrup** '86 had their second girl, Emma Katherine, in December 1997. They are about to sign a contract to build a house in Richmond. **Maya Valenti Wilder** and **Mike Wilder** are also in Richmond. Maya sells Dorling Kindserly books and Mike is a manager at Federal Reserve in Richmond. They have two kids, Alexandra and Christian. **Lori Hile Fuller**, a CPA, and husband Todd live in Richmond with Kyle and Tori.

Susan Mulligan Miller and husband Charlie are proud parents of Nicholas. Chig works for Freddie Mac, and they live in Vienna. **Kelly Flynn** is engaged and should be married in spring '98. **Theresa Sommerville Tirella** and **Jack Tirella**

'89 are parents of towhead Nicole, 3, and are expecting #2 in the spring. They live in Newport News, and Jack works for a hotel chain.

Ellen Henderson Briggs '88 married Todd Briggs in September 1996 and is living in Towson, Md. She is a sales representative with Schein Pharmaceuticals and is a proud new mom to Axl, her yellow lab. **Beth Covington Kerwood** '88 and husband Brian live in Downington, Pa., with their two boys. Beth and Brian both work for Vanguard.

Ginny Farquharson Voyack '86 and husband Frank built a big house in Sterling and have two girls. Ginny is expecting her third at the end of March. As she says, "EEK, three under 3!" **Jane Carroll Wilson** '86 and husband Richard are parents of Tyler, 1, a big (strange in that his mom is 6' and his dad is 6'5") and really cute guy. They live in Arlington. Jane is director of sales for Advantage Staffing Services.

Frank Gilmore '85 and **Karen Novak Gilmore** '86 now have a family of four and live in Burke, Va. Frank works for Craftmark Homes. **Chris Roberson** '85 and wife Andrea are parents of Nicholas.

Mark Gibson '84 and wife Sue are proud parents of Nicole, nicknamed "Little Gibbie" because of her resemblance to her dad, and are expecting #2 in the spring. **Josh Peizer** '84 and **Emily Nack Peizer** '88 are parents of Abigail, and Em is also expecting #2 in spring '98. Emily is an attorney, and Josh left General Products for a solo venture. **Jackie St. Martin** '85, who works for MCI, lives in the building next to me (you just can't separate us). We both bought our condos in Alexandria at almost the same time and moved in fall '95. **Becca Bennett Cuddy** '84 is married to Jim, and they just bought a house in Arlington. Becca is director of administration for NAPUS, and Jim is in the radio business.

1989

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From Leighann:

I saw **Page Swartz Buehren** with her 2-year-old son and **Anne-Marie Turnage** '90 over the Christmas holidays. Page is still working for GE, and Anne-Marie is finishing her doctorate while living in Pennsylvania. Page, **Eileen Burke** and I also saw **Robin Cunningham Karr** '90 and **Scott Karr** '90 before Christmas. They live on a beautiful farm outside Charlottesville with two cats and a dog. Scott works for U.Va., and Robin manages The Market Street Wine Shop.

Samantha Pillar Ellis '91 and husband Gary had a beautiful wedding in Culpeper and a gorgeous reception at Tivoli B&B in Gordonsville. **David Voelkel** '91 is back in the States, while **Michele McClain** is still working in England for the Navy. **Stephanie Martin** '92 has also just returned from England, where she had been attending school. **Cheryl Woody Danielson** and husband Jeff are still in Australia. They live in Perth, with visits to Japan, Singapore and Malaysia during Jeff's five-month deployment. **Anastasia Shirley Carson**, husband Paul and daughter Ally are still in Thibodaux, La. Paul is the site manager for the National Park Wetland Acadien Cultural Center. Anastasia has a home studio where she works on watercolors, mainly. She has had exhibitions in Pensacola, Fla., and Old Town Alexandria, Va. She reports that **Leah Wilson Casey** attended the wedding of **Lollie Green** to Steve Hall in Richmond in spring '96. Lollie and Steve are expecting their first child in May '98. **Leslie Athey Cockrell**, husband Ricky and son Patrick Blake live in Front Royal, Va. Leslie received her master's degree in 1992 and is teaching kindergarten at Leslie Fox Keyser Elementary. She reports that many MWC alums attended her 1996 wedding, including **Denise Short**, **Pat Howard McGarry**, **Amy Angerer**, **Laura Conlon Wagner** '90 and **Kirsten Pedersen** '90. Kirsten caught the bouquet and was married in '97.

Doug Crowe and his wife have been world travelers over the past year. In August they took a three-week trip to the Far East to see his brother, **Jono** '93, who is stationed in Okinawa as a Marine lieutenant. They also visited Hong Kong, the Philippines, and went scuba diving off an island called Palau in the South Pacific. Doug also reports that **Kevin Moran** '88 just got married and lives in Tampa, Fla.

Janna Fryant Morrison and her husband, Brock, are building a house in Westchester, Ohio. **Laura Lange Robertson** has a new job in Petersburg. She, husband Mike and son Miles are looking for a new home in the Richmond area. **Charlotte Lohmann Needham** and Jack love New York City and are living the "Seinfeld" life. **Eileen Burke** is still the road warrior, traveling everywhere to see everyone, and is excited about her new job in securities.

Stephanie Shupe Hunt, husband Rob and daughters Amber and Haley are expecting a new addition to their family in June. **Michele McClain** continues to enjoy her hobby of photography and plans a trip to some exotic port such as Africa or Asia in the near future. Her contract with Naval Intelligence is up next year. She'd tell us what she does, but she'd have to kill us!

Kathy Boyle Armani, son Brendan and her husband still live in the Philadelphia area. Her old roommate, **Kathy Peele Soiland**, her husband and two wonderful, huge dogs are moving to the Philadelphia area, where Mike has a position with MERK. Kathy is an elementary school teacher and will be looking for a position in Philly. **Tracie Helms Haupt** married Graham in June 1997 at Berekley Plantation. Tracie, daughter Rachel and Graham live in Mechanicsville, Va. Tracie works in human resources at the state lottery.

Amy Swink Poe writes that she, husband Chip, and sons Justin and Matthew have bought a lovely home in Falls Church, Va. She has recently been promoted to Internet manager at Knowlogy.

As for me, I have left my job at the opera. Strangely enough, my position was taken over by another MWC preservation grad, **Ann Pichel** '90. I decided that being a full-time mom was what I needed to do right now. It has been something of an adjustment, but I love being at home with my boy, Liam, and wouldn't trade it for the world. I'm even driving a station wagon! I still volunteer on occasion for the opera and have had some contract work with a former employer in the museum field, which allows for some much-needed adult interaction!

Susan Batley Morgan has been married to Bill and has lived in Fredericksburg since 1990. Susan quit working for the government when daughter Jennifer was born in 1994. In 1996 son Andrew was born, and they are now expecting a third child in summer '98! Susan has heard from **Meghan Baldwin Lau**, who had her second daughter, Hannah, last June.

Monica Boyle Rodgers and husband Chris live in Alexandria with daughter Julia Rachel, who was born September 1996. Monica works part time at the Department of Treasury. She still keeps in touch with **Melanie Glass**, who sometimes babysits Julia, and **Kelly Ittenbach Safranek** '88, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska, with husband Dennis.

I love getting your notes and letters. Please keep them coming.

1991

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Greetings classmates! Wow, what an exciting year 1997 was for me. I only hope that everyone else had as many wonderful things happening to them as well. In August my husband, **Todd Campbell**, and I had our first child, a bouncing baby boy. Cody has really changed our lives. I never knew how much spare time I used to have, now that I don't have it anymore! Two weeks before Cody was born, Todd and I moved into our first new home. Looking back now, I think we were insane to try to get all that done at the same time. I am still making the dreaded commute from Fredericksburg to D.C. every day. Todd teaches at Culpeper County High School and coaches football and baseball. The Blue Devils football team won the district championship and made it to the second round in the regional showdown.

Christine Fritsche Faudel was married at a plantation south of Fredericksburg and is now living in Denver. **Susan Mothershead Timok** and **Dawn Lang Ruppel** attended the wedding. **Doreen Kempers Michalak**, who lives in Peoria, Ill., with husband Ron and daughter Sydney, comes out now and again to get in some skiing. **Steve Miller** currently works as a graphic designer for EIS International Inc., which distributes software packages for emergency management. He is also engaged and will be married in May '98. He and his fiancée live in Winchester, Va. **Kelli Miller Slunt** wrote that after graduating from MWC she attended U.Va. and graduated in 1995 with a Ph.D. in chemistry. She also got married in 1995. She and her husband currently live in Woodbridge, Va., but are building a house in Warrenton. She is an assistant professor of chemistry at MWC.

I also heard from **Samantha Pillar Ellis**, who is now engaged and is getting married in October 1998. She works as a prospect researcher at the new Library of Virginia in Richmond. **Tabatha Yeatts** lives in Atlanta with husband Ben and 2-year-old daughter Ariana and works as a freelance writer. **Michelle Lesko Heath** completed her M.B.A. in finance in May 1997 and works for the Nasdaq Stock Market in D.C. as an analyst. Her husband, **Clay Heath** '92, works for Capital One in Fredericksburg, Va.

Kathleen M. Flinsch wrote that after graduating from MWC she moved to Okinawa and worked as trading-post director and business manager for the Boy Scouts of America-Greater Okinawa District in the summer camp program. She married John Schweikert in November 1993. Immediately afterward, they were stationed in San Francisco, where they stayed until John's enlistment in the Navy was up in 1995. They then moved to Fredericksburg, where she worked as a customer service representative for Intuit Software. They now live in East Brunswick, N. J., where she works as a contract rep for the Social Security Administration.

Dia Quillen Hablutzel sent a lot of goodies about some of our classmates. She got married in June 1997 to Deron and moved to Rock Hill, S.C., where Deron teaches German to middle and high school students, and she works at Queens College in Charlotte as the assistant director of the evening program for adult students. She also writes that **Nicole LaPorte** lives and works in Washington, D.C., for Managed Futures Associa-

tion. **Cathy Pond Cunningham** and husband **Eric Cunningham** live in Richmond, where Cathy just finished her master's degree in education from VCU and is teaching high school to special education students. **Courtney Wait** lives in Charlotte, N.C., and works for Delta Environment. **Jennifer Bryant** was married in December 1996 and lives in Gainesville, Fla., where her husband attends graduate school at the U. of Florida. **Gina Dukes Jones** was married in August and is working as a math teacher in Chesapeake, Va.

I hope everyone else is doing well. I would love to hear from you. It only takes a second to drop me a line, especially e-mail! Hope to hear from you soon.

1993

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From Hope Glass Marquart:

Tracy Young became Mrs. **Charles Rowland** in August 1997. MWC bridesmaids were **Rebecca Dotson**, **Alyson Scimeca Brody**, and **Cindy Rush Reasoner**. Tracy left Lockheed Martin at the end of '96 to accept a promotion working as a contractor to the Department of Energy. She is now a financial analyst on the cleanup of a former nuclear weapons R&D facility. She and her husband reside in Centerville, Ohio, just south of Dayton.

Cindy Rush Reasoner received her master's in education from U.Va. and left daily classroom teaching to accept a position as an instructional program administrator for Hampton City Schools. **Alyson Scimeca** became Mrs. David Brody in September 1996. She works as a loan associate for Chevy Chase Bank in Northern Virginia. **Lori Fitzgerald** is engaged to marry **Chris Louden** '91 in August 1998. She works at golf.com, an Internet site.

Rebecca Dotson is a meeting planning assistant for an association in D.C. and still lives in Alexandria. **Michelle Martin Durand** and husband Jeff are expecting their first child in May 1998. They just bought their first house in Danville, Va. Michelle is a customer rep for The Associates Financial Services. **Karen Smith Clerici** was transferred with her husband, John, from Colorado to nearby Fairfax, Va. **Heather Gebbia** graduated from law school in '96 and is an attorney in Kennebunk, Maine.

Stacey Bailey Kearney is a project engineer for Advanced Marine Enterprises in Arlington. She and husband Kevin (and dog Petie) purchased their first home in Annandale in '96. They took a Caribbean cruise to celebrate two years of marriage in November 1997. **Sherri O'Bryan Hawkins** is still in Rochester, Minn., with her husband, Pat. She has an administrative position at a clinic. **Christie Gardner** keeps busy with the usual things, community theater being the most recent addition to the list. Her involvement with the Virginia Renaissance Faire keeps her happy and entertained during the festival season.

Cheryl Roberts lives in Roanoke, Va., with **Kim Blair**, who works for Kelly Assisted Living and is working on her M.B.A. Cheryl works at First Union and stays in touch with several MWC pals. **Emily Erlandson** '94 lives just down the street from Cheryl and Kim and works for the Center in the Square, the local museum/theater center. They occasionally run into **Andy Gustafson** '92, who also lives nearby and works for Bell Atlantic.

Lela Baldwin is doing the Teach for America program in Warrenton, N.C. Nearby in Raleigh, **Amy Cole** is an attorney for Preservation North Carolina. **Jennifer Helene Malos** graduated from Miami U. with an M.S. in physics and is moving to New York to work for a research company. **Rob Teweles** recently returned from a trip to Turkey and Greece. He lives in Arlington and is still roommates with **Aimee Cooper**, who works at Georgetown U. **Jean Sudlow Simpson** is working for *USA Today*. She and husband Bob are proud owners of a new home.

Kathy Opiela lives and works in Charlottesville at the Association for Investment Management Research. **Teresa Duncan** is engaged to marry in October 1998. **Nilou Tavassoli** is working for Techmatics in Northern Virginia and spends a lot of time with her brand new Australian Shepherd. **Jody Smith** has attained her master's degree and continues to teach history to seventh-graders in Long Island. **Mike Flynn** is working as a linguist for the US government, while **Matt Mejia** is doing a wonderful job as an MWC admissions counselor. **Tammy White** lives in Manassas, where she works for the Aeronautics Association.

After a first-year anniversary ski-trip to Switzerland in March, my husband and I still plan to move down South. I continue to do contracting work in the networking industry and plan to spend the next year working on getting several Microsoft certifications.

I will be passing the 1993 torch off to Kathy Opiela — she has eagerly volunteered to take over our class updates! Kathy's brother is now a junior at MWC, and she admits that it's nice to live vicariously through him! Have a great 1998!

1995

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The Class Notes editor apologizes for a misprint in the last issue of *MWC TODAY*. Mike Merritt did not marry Heather Spring. Instead, **Mike Merritt** '96 married **Miki McCoy** '97, and **J.P. Sieck** '95 married **Heather Spring** '96. Please forgive the error.

1997

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From Amy:

Hello, and congrats to the newest MWC graduates. It's been almost a year — what have you done? Here's what we've heard so far:

Angie Fleming and **Dianna Rowell** have relocated to Alexandria, Va. Angie attends law school at George Mason U. and Dianna works as a research coordinator at the Council of Ethical Organizations, which is conveniently located near my office on King Street. Angie and Dianna have recently welcomed a new roommate to their apartment — a cat named Sophie. Dianna was a bridesmaid for **Christina Snyder**'s wedding to **Mike Gilsbach** last June. Christina and Mike live in Fredericksburg.

Angie helped gather some information and reports that her former roommate, **Robin Harris**, is in the police academy in Montgomery County, Md.; **Hellie Snyder** is a web diva and designs web pages; **Jeremy Prose** works for the AFL-CIO and may move to California to continue his work; **Gretchen Frates** is employed at Seebus in Rosslyn, Va.; **Carol Hayes** works at the Virginia Institute for Marine Science and is an independent photographer; and **Mike Tierney** does computer work at Quantico.

Congratulations to **Kristy Markos**, who received a fellowship from the National Institute of Health to do cancer research. **Kathleen Gillikin** sent word that she lives and works in Baltimore, Md., as a default and delinquency counselor at St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center.

Good luck to those who are continuing their education: **Amy Ney** and **Marisa Franzitta** are at U.Va. Medical School; **Jackie Concodora** is in grad school in Ohio; **Crystal Bulges** is studying law at U. of Maine, where she is pregnant with an alien baby and eloping with Dennis Rodman (well, she suggested I write that, though only the law school part is true). She has been braving the cold and snowy North but seems to enjoy it up there.

Some grads seem unable to leave Fredericksburg: **Scott "Opie" Wise** is still there, as are **Josh Hehner** and **John Dye**, who are applying to grad school; **Whitney Shelton** commutes to Richmond to work.

Four of our classmates stayed to help recruit the best students for MWC as admissions counselors. **Inga Fredland**, **Kerri Haubenreisser**, **Myra Simpson** and **Jeff Seaman**. You can contact any of them by checking out our alma mater's web site (www.mwc.edu). Myra wrote to say that she really likes working in admissions because of the travel and the chance to meet potential students and their families. Her intention is to stay in the Northern Virginia area after this semester. Jeff enjoys his job, as well, mostly for the parking privileges of faculty — no more parking tickets for him! He's currently doing his best Jack Tripper/Three's Company impression by living with **Debbie Fleming**, who finished student teaching last summer, and **Mary Knarr** '98.

Jeff informed me that **Carter Berkeley** works for Instant File Systems in Ashland, Va., as a purchasing agent; **Margaret Edder** works as a health-care specialist for Barents, a consulting firm in D.C.; **Ken Allen** works with Americorps in Maryland; and **Becky Earle** works on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant in Congressman Wolf's office.

Jesse Freese works as a technical recruiter for XL Associates, where he splits his time recruiting IT professionals and organizing the deployment of disaster teams for USAID. He lives in Silver Spring, Md., and is "loving life!"

Inga Fredland wrote with tons of information. She has applied to grad school for marine biology for the fall. Inga lives with **Melissa Schreiber**, who is a television reporter for Prestige Cable Channel 3 in Spotsylvania; **Corey Callaham** moved from Fredericksburg to Lynchburg and is applying to PT schools; **Kelly Regan** also lives there and writes for a newspaper; **Kristie Fasanaro** and **Robin Kozic** completed their student teaching in Fredericksburg, and Kristie moved to Charlotte, N.C., while Robin moved back home to New Jersey; **Cecilia Kane** lives in Fredericksburg and works for a law firm and a temp agency; **MJ Figel** got an awesome job as an assistant at *IN STYLE* magazine in New York; **Krissy Tsantes** and **Kim Ranney** both moved to Queens, N.Y., with hopes of becoming an actress (Krissy) and a writer (Kim); **Susan Cors** lives in Hampton, Va., and works as a social work counselor while applying to schools to get her

master's in social work. Inga says that a lot of grads have relocated to Northern Virginia: **Craig Siemes** works for the Senate finance committee and lives with **Chris Blelloch**, who works for MCI along with **Brian Barger**. **Kyle Aldrich** lives in New York and works for an investment firm. **Chuck Fulton** is also in New York and works for a pharmaceutical company.

Kristen Romano is at U. of Maryland; **Meredith Sarda** lives in Richmond and does research for a medical company; **Becca Harrison** works in D.C. for a non-profit organization; **Seth Churi** is going to graduate school in Florida for sports medicine; **Kevin Finn** lives and works in Boston; **Mike Luisi** works for the Va. Department of Game and Fisheries; and **Gina Pisoni** is at U.Va. grad school studying biology.

Jessica Ranero is at Va. Tech pursuing her master's. She writes that **Maria Cole** is in Maine working with a theater company; **Karen Aiello** teaches English in South Korea; **Sarah Meyrowitz** is at grad school at the U. of Pennsylvania; **Maura Kurtz** is at the U. of California-Davis in the economics Ph.D. program; **Stephanie Primmer** finished student teaching and bought a townhouse in Centreville with her boyfriend, Chris. She is looking for a teaching position in Fairfax.

Congratulations to those who have been married or who have gotten engaged: **Diana Cottrill** married Kevin James last summer and lives in Manassas; **Elizabeth Moody** married Pierre Poisson; **Elise Balkin** and **Josh Bacigalupi** '98 are now engaged; and **Kate Lulfs** and **Richard Ehrle** '85 became engaged over Thanksgiving. Kate works on-site at the Pentagon for Logicon-Syscon as a ballistic-missile analyst. She and Richard called and filled me in on other grads: **Tim Bryner** graduated with honors from a police academy and is now working for the Goochland County Police; **Luke Sbarra** is in law school at Wake Forest, N.C.; **Zack Ward** is studying law at U. Va. His wife, Becky, teaches in Albemarle County. **Kim Grabowski** is studying law at George Mason U.; **Eric Earling** is working for Senator Slade Gordon in Seattle, Wash. There are wedding plans for Eric and his fiancée, Stephanie. Their son, Joey, was born shortly before we graduated. Congratulations to Ensign **Aaron Zielinski** and to Ensign **James T. King**, who graduated from the Navy's Officer Candidate School and will be attending flight school together.

As for me, I'm working in Old Town Alexandria at Capitol Publications. It's been a tumultuous time — three company downsizings, including the selling of one of our divisions, and the cutting in half of my department — but I still have a job! The exciting news was that two days after graduation **Liz Donahue**, who works in D.C., and I went to England to visit **Sandra Alexander** '98, who was studying abroad. We also spent about four days in Ireland, getting around by dumb luck and the kindness of strangers and enjoying the nicest weather they've had in a long time! I've fallen in love with Ireland and can't wait to return. But for now I'm down at MWC every week visiting my boyfriend, Dave. At first, it was hard to believe that the school could go on without us, but now I've realized it has.

I wish you the best of luck as you try to make lives for yourselves after MWC!

From Michelle:

I would like to remind everyone to update their addresses and phone numbers for alumni records. Just call the office at (540) 654-1011. With one phone call you can assure that all the alumni publications get to you.

Jen Repella and **Bob Shelton** live in Alexandria. Jen works at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda as a neuropsychiatric researcher on the brain-imaging team. Bob is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-a-Car and will be an assistant manager within a few months. They are currently raising a kitten named Briggs. **Matt Michaelson** is raising two kittens in Alexandria.

A few of our classmates live in Northern Virginia. **Tanya Najarian** works as a marketing research analyst for Price Waterhouse LLP in their management consulting division. **Zachary DeVore** is currently working for a corporate law firm and is considering graduate school in history. **Leslie Houts** works for a realtor and is currently applying to grad schools. **Lisa Reams** and **Scott Markwith** are both working for geography firms. **Stephanie Beguin** lives in Northern Virginia, too.

Wally Ferguson works for an accounting firm in D.C. **Kevin Ely** is working for Booz-Allen & Hamilton. **Mike Hurt** lives in Saint Mary's County, Md., and uses his geography skills in his career.

Candace Turley works as a systems engineer at Planning Consultants Inc. in Dahlgren, Va. Candace is currently working on the AEGIS weapon system. **Liz Weaver** is working for Kenmore Association managing Ferry Farm. She will be attending graduate school for a master's in tourism administration at George Washington U. **Jennifer Wilson** works as assistant director of alumni relations at MWC and will marry **Christopher Watson** '96 in June. **Brooke Molyneux** and **Trina Campbell** also live in the Fredericksburg area.

Cynthia Owens works for Westvaco Corp. in Richmond. **Matt Paxton** also lives in Richmond. **Todd Leatherman** is a manager at Racetrak.

Laura Wyatt works as an outdoor educator in Southern California. **Alanna Weaver** is working at an insurance company in Pennsylvania, but she is looking for work more in line with her English major. **Amy Gatje** is serving a year with "City Dwellers," a community which serves Los Angeles. **Allison Enedy** works for a high-tech PR firm outside San Francisco and is planning to return to the East Coast. **Kim Wilson** is in Massachusetts. **Nicole Johnson** works for Bayer in Pittsburgh. **Maren Valentino** teaches English in the Far East. **Erika Ehland** is working for a chemical company outside of Philly. She lives at home and spends her free time singing in a choral group.

There are many people who have decided to pursue advanced degrees. **Sarah Meyrowitz** is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the U. of Pennsylvania while working with an agency doing family preservation. She was recently accepted to U. Penn Law School. **Harry Thomas** is in grad school at JMU. **Dave Wrubel** is a master's candidate at UNC at Charlotte studying geography and teaching earth science. Dave was named MVP of the North Carolina Geography Bowl and captained the N.C. team to the title in the Southeast Regional competition. **Stephanie Barnes** is in graduate school at Vanderbilt, studying theology.

Rob Clark attends grad school in Pittsburgh and lives with **Alan Sheer**. **Bob Rogers** is currently studying for his master's in theoretical musicology at The Catholic U. of America in Washington, D.C. **Jen Rees** is working toward her master's in library science at Rutgers U. School of Communication, Information, and Library Science. Jen lives at home with her parents in New Jersey and interns at her local library. **Amanda O'Brien** is in Richmond. She is currently in a five-year Ph.D. program for counseling psychology at VCU. **Kimberly Wenzel** is going to graduate school at Columbia for education. **Tara Bahr** attends law school in Texas. **Dan Tobin** is at the U. of Michigan working toward his Ph.D. in chemistry.

Vanessa Valley has gone back to school to get a degree in floral design. She says there is a bigger market for floral design than for IA majors in Oklahoma. She has also taken up contra dancing (a combination of old English/Scottish country dances and square dancing) and singing as a member of her church worship team.

Jaime Evans is in the Army. She finished basic training last fall and is slated to attend Officer Candidate School.

Many of our fellow graduates have gone on to educate our next generation. **Laura Fausto** is at Stafford High School teaching Spanish. While there she met another MWC graduate, **Elissa Louden**. A part-time German teaching position fell into Elissa's lap in August and turned into a full-time position in the late fall. **Heather Masterton** is also teaching at Stafford. She loves the kids and even participated in the "Lord of the Dance" pep rally. **Cheryl Duckworth** is currently teaching 11th grade American literature at Falls Church High and tutoring at the Sylvan Learning Center. She spends most of her weekends traveling to see college friends, now scattered about the state, and catching up on X-Files reruns.

Kim Hammonds is working with disabled and autistic children in Spotsy County. She likes her job and has the opportunity to continue to work with some of the children she worked with in her senior independent study. **Beth Shultz** and **Sara Young** are in Richmond. Both completed their student teaching in December and plan to substitute teach until they find full-time teaching positions. **Christi Kirkpatrick** is working as a kindergarten teacher in the Chesapeake area. She and Kevin got engaged in November, and the wedding is set for August 1998.

The MWC Class of 1997 is certainly keeping *Bride's Magazine* in business. **Jen McCarty** married Jamie in April, and they are living in the Fredericksburg area; **Elsaris Zambrana** was married in July and moved to Florida; **Megan Burke** was married in August at the Naval Academy chapel; **Polly Caseman** married Brian Hughes in December; **Stephanie Johnson** and **Ben Martin** were married in December; **Dell Hagan** and Matt were married in May; and **Melissa Greven** was married in October. Melissa is working as an assistant curator at a museum in Atlanta, and her hubby is a curator at Emory U. **Holly Bebyn** and **Dave Burns** were married last July. They are currently living in Connecticut, and Holly is attending grad school at the U. of Connecticut. **Joe Pierce** and **Colleen Minion** are planning to be married in May. They live in Philadelphia, and Colleen works with the March of Dimes.

I am so happy I decided to stay in Virginia after graduation. There are so many MWC graduates here that I still get to see. I live in Alexandria with **Allyson Knudson** and **Jackie Curry**. Allyson works on Capitol Hill for Congressman Tom Bliley, and Jackie works for Helicopter Association International, a non-profit trade group. She is getting married in September 1999 to Jim Todaro. **Julie "Booli" Newell** works for Fredericksburg's Congressman Herb Bateman on Capitol Hill. **Crissie Finno** lives in Alexandria and teaches at Saint Michael's Elementary. **Kira Stchur** is pursuing a degree in historical musicology at the U. of Maryland. While there, she is continuing with her work in the area of voice performance. **Scott Estelle**, **Brian Gilligan** and **Erik Candy** live in Shirlington. Scott works for Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C. Brian was to start his job at the Department of Defense in March. Erik is on an international team for Computer Sciences Corporation and works at various client sites in the Asia Pacific region. I also work for CSC and, after four years at MWC, I met Erik for the first time in Chicago

during our job training last summer. I have been in Chicago, Spain, Luxembourg, Germany, London, Paris, Wilmington and Richmond working on the year 2000 computer problem. I hope to get some traveling in soon!

Everyone take care and keep those letters coming.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Nancy Gray Lamson '26
Bessie Satchell Amory '29
Frances Reed Reamy '31
Marie Scott Wilkerson Grinels '32
Nancy Tyler Meade '33
Ruth Eve Shirley Lewis '34
Mary Virginia Willson '34
Emily Slater Stevens '35
Frances Gaines Bruin '36
Ruby Sloop Liner '38
Madora Forbush Brown '39
Jewel Hallett Goffigon '39
G. Ann Newnom Harris '39
Isabel Smith McSwain '39
Mildred L. Powell '39
Ellen Smoot Lee '40
Jean C. Rogers '41
Aloise Brill Ayers '42
Sallie Edwards Jones '42
Shirley H. Bower '44
Christine Miller Russell '45
Edith Temple Donner '46
Jean A. Bell '47
Phillis Bingham McGaha '49
Norma Phillips Schomer '49
Elizabeth A. Nye '54
Elsiejo McNeely Whitley '59
Alice Dix '60
Elizabeth Glaetti Arnold '61
Judith Overstreet Farmer '63
Andrea Lyster Antil '64
Elizabeth Robinson Lewis '66
Cynthia Paradise Johnson '68
Suzanne Gregory Abel '78
Lisa Barthello Heary '78
Karen Ann Koteles '82
Maria L. Lanuzo '91
Jason Patrick Patterson '98

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Elaine Connelly Jones '28, who lost her daughter
Mary Houston Howard '32, who lost her brother
Virginia Sale Broaddus '33, who lost her husband
Alma Murchison '33, who lost her sister
Nova Harris Stultz '33, who lost her husband
Virginia Crowgey Snider '37, who lost her son
Virginia Bennett Skillman '42, who lost her husband
Elizabeth Stallings Sharp '46, who lost her husband
Muriel Harmon Lake '48, who lost her husband
Mary Ellen Cox '49, who lost her mother
Dorothy Desmond Helfrich '49, who lost her husband
Mary Ann Godsey Little '49, who lost her brother
Ellen Brown Swenarton '56, who lost her husband
Martha Kimball Hearn '58, who lost her husband
Julia Coates Littlefield '59, who lost her mother
Elizabeth LeSueur '63, who lost her father
Amy Hartigan Talton '77, who lost her father
Terry Poston Porter '79, who lost her husband
Kemetia M.K. Foley '87, who lost her father
Andy Gustafson '92, who lost his father

Mary Ellen Stephenson
1915 - 1997

Dr. Mary Ellen Stephenson, dean and assistant dean of women, professor emerita of modern foreign languages, dedicated champion of Mary Washington students, embarked on the final leg of her journey December 23, 1997. This beloved teacher and counselor was a confidante, mentor and friend to thousands of students in her long and vital career. How much richer we are that she met us at an impressionable and malleable point in our lives and resides even now in our hearts.

We first encountered this "Richmond girl" as she scurried from dorm to dorm handling room assignment problems on our first day on campus, the day before her 42nd birthday. Genteel, gracious, kind and diminutive, Mary Ellen would flash a ready smile with her hearty, yet polite, "good morning," as she walked through campus from her teaching of classes to her counseling duties in GW Hall. For many students, these chance meetings were the beginnings of life-long friendships with Mary Ellen.

Our memory banks are full. Who could forget Mary Ellen standing on her tip-toes to see over the lectern when she spoke at convocations; acting as the fortune-teller at the Y's Penny Carnival in 1959; crowding as many students as she could into her car after she had taught Sunday school at Wesley Foundation and levitating to services at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church; her grinning from ear to ear when she was the surprise recipient of a class serenade; her total delight when she moved into her newly built home and having students over for home-cooked dinners and conversation; her passions for Carl's custard, ice cubes, sweet potatoes, French onion soup, crabcakes, chocolate; her love of classical and sacred music.

She was devoted to the goals and ideals of the College and to her students. She wanted the College to excel and her students to grow, discover, stretch, learn. She was always there to assist and advise. No problem seemed beyond her reach to tackle. She knew she couldn't remove the suffering, but by her mere presence, quiet demeanor and wise counsel, she softened the rain in our lives. She was above all, a listener, a selfless giver of herself, a person of unending patience. She shared the laughter, joys and tears of all of her students. The eyes of her heart searched the essence of our beings. She caused us to believe in ourselves because she believed in us. She had the intuitive capacity to make each student feel special and walk tall. It is no wonder that she had the unqualified respect and deep admiration of the students.

When warranted, Mary Ellen could "cut to the chase," be frank, precise. She could be opinionated, persistent, even pugnacious, when she believed strongly in a cause. She was a master of self-control, even under the most trying of circumstances. If these were faults, they did not diminish her stature; they only made her seem more human, vulnerable, accessible. She saw and sought humor in life's story. She would just as soon poke fun at herself as she would revel in the foolishness and mischievousness of young college students.

Despite the very public figure she was, Mary Ellen was an intensely private person, allowing only quick peeks into her soul. When she followed us into maturity, she would say, "sit down and bring me up to date." As she shifted any conversation away from herself, she prodded us for information on our life's journey, wincing at our sorrows and tragedies, rejoicing at our adventures and triumphs. She was a faithful, caring, genuine friend.

That so many students entered professions similar to Mary Ellen's, professions of service to and concern for others, is testimony to the impact that she had on us. Though she refused to take credit for the achievements of her students, she delighted in their successes. It was Dr. Mary Ellen Stephenson who inspired us, lit those candles.

It wasn't until years after we had had enough life experiences tucked under our belts that we realized that Mary Ellen's goodness, gentleness and understanding heart were there because she had already traveled paths familiar to us. She knew and had experienced life's distresses, insecurities, hopes and dreams. She was deeply sensitive to and humbled by human condition. During her last 20 months, when being captain of her own ship slipped from her grasp, that family of students, whom she had so carefully nurtured, stood by her through their visits, communications and caring efforts. As she always did, she welcomed each of them into her heart, for it was students who gave her the greatest of pleasure. Muchas gracias, Mary Ellen; you taught us well.

Lynn C. McCarthy '61. Becky Guy '61 also contributed to this article.

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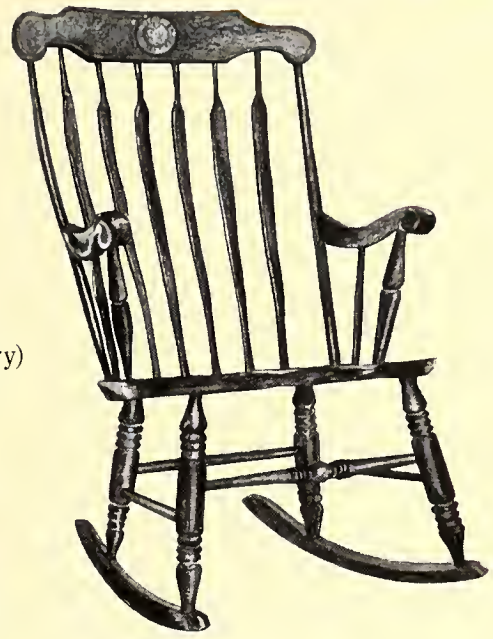
The Spinning Wheel Boutique can help you find that special gift. The Boutique offers a variety of merchandise, featuring the pewter Jefferson Cup, Boston Rocker and Captain's chair. Gifts are available for purchase at the alumni house or they can be shipped (with additional shipping charge). Add 4.5% sales tax to the price of all items purchased in the Boutique or shipped to a Virginia address. Make checks payable to Mary Washington College Alumni Association, and mail requests to P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. You can also call the Alumni Office at (540) 654-1011 with your order or fax it to (540) 654-1075 and charge it with your VISA or MasterCard.



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